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Petition of Thomas Smith, 1753

The following informative petition to the North Carolina Council is found on microfilm under NC Council Papers, E.1x, reel 1, *Records of the States of the United States of America*, NC Collection, J. Y. Joyner Library, East Carolina University, Greenville, NC. The NC Council Papers were published in 1988 as*The Colonial Records of NC*, 2nd series, Vol. 8, Records of the Executive Council, by Robert J. Cain. This petition was mentioned but not included in the book. It appears this and many other early petitions have disappeared and the only record is the microfilmed copies found in the *Records of the States of the United States of America*. Contributed by Roger Kammerer.

"April 3 1753
To The Honorable Matthew Rowan Esqe. Presedent and Commander in chief in and Over his majestys Province of North Carolina and To the Honorable the members of his majestyies Council Constituting a Court of Claims

The Petition of Thomas SMITH of Craven County Planter Humbly Sheweth
That one William BRICE the Elder obtained a Patent in the year of our Lord one Thousand Seven Hundred and Seventeen for Six Hundred and Twenty acres of Land in Craven County on a Creek Called BRICES Creek which said Land was in the said Patent Said to be bounded on one side by aline from a popler to a Hickery on the said Creek and Afterward the said William BRICE sold and Conveyed the same Land to one LEE who sold and Conveyed the said Land Under the tittle of the said Original Patent to one Thomas HARRISS who afterward in the year one thousand seven Hundred and Nineteen obtained an Eseleat Patent for two Hundred and Eighty Acres which had been then formerly taken up by one David WHARTON adjoining the said Six Hundred and Twenty Acres of Land taken up by the said BRICE and purchased by the said HARRISS as aforesd: and afterwards Your Petitioner and One **James SMITH his Brother about the year one thousand Seven Hundred & Twenty Nine moved themselves and familys from Virginia into this province to Settle** and purchased of the said Thomas HARRIS for a valuable Consideration all the Land Contained in the aforesd: Patents Except about One Hundred & fifty Acres which the said Thomas had Before sold & Conveyed to One Thomas BUTLER and your said Petitioner and his said Brother were showed By the said Thomas HARRIS and the said Thomas BUTLER who Dwelt on part of the said Land a white Oak Marked as the corner of the Lower and a Hickery marked as the Uper Corner tree on the sd. Creek as the Bounds on the front of the land which were always suposed by the whole Neighbourhood to be the Corner trees Bounding the front of the same and there upon Your Petitioner Set Down on that part of the Land that was suposed to be within the bounds of the Patent Granted to the said William BRICE and Built Cleared and Improved a plantation on the same and that sometime after when your Petitioner and his sd: Brother proposed to make a Division of the said lands Equally Between them, William BRICE the Younger who Lived Adjoining the said Lands and Pretended to be Well Acquainted with the Same and the boundarys thereof then Undertook to Shew the Corner trees of the said Land in order that amore Equall Devison of the said Lands might be made Between Your Petitioner and his said Brother and Shewd. Your Petitioner and his said Brother the same Hickery as the uper Corner tree is had Before been Shewed them by the said Tho HARRIS and Thomas BUTLER as the said uper Corner Tree But on some Disagreement Between Your Orater and his sd. Brother the Division was not then made And **Your Petitioners Brother the said James soon after Died leaving five Children** & Left the said William BRICE the Younger one of the Executors of his Last will & Testament and your Petitioner further Sheweth that one Robert Shrewe who was one of the persons Present at the survey of the said lands Granted to William BRICE the Elder mad a Survey Joyning the said BRICES Survey and afterward Sold his Pretentions to the same to Collo. WILSON who afterwards took out a Patent for the same mentioning the Begining at the said Hickery suposed to be Your Petitioners And that sometime after One DUNN Obtained a warrant Adjoyning Your Petitioners Line Suposed to run from a popler Your Petitioners Back Corner tree to the said Hickery the Corner tree of the front thereof and your Petitioners at the request of the said DUNN Shewed the said DUNN and the surveyor his Deed

that the said DUNN Land might be bounded thereon and accordingly the said Surveyor set a Course from the said Popler Your Petitioners back Corner to run according to the Course of your Petitioners Deed which by the said Deed was South Twenty Degrees west and your Petitioner After the Surveyor had Proceed on that Course some small way that it would goe Near his Plantation and take the lands he had for Near Twenty Years Imagined was the land he had purchased & shewed Great Uneasiness where upon the sd. William BRICE Declared that there was a mistake in the Deed and that it was not agreeable to the Course in the Originall Patent Obtained by his father the record whereof he had Lately seen in the record Book at Edenton and that the Course was South Twenty Degrees East from the said Popler to the Hickery on which assurance of the said William BRICE the said BRICE being your Petitioners Intimate Acquaintance and as your Petitioner Imagined his friend a a man of veracity your Petitioner relyed and was Easy Believing it to be so, and the said DUNN also Beleiving what the said William BRICE Affirmed and Suposeing him to be Perfectly Acquainted with the said Land Patented by his father and the bounds and Courses thereof readyly Agreed that his the said DUNNS bounds should be runn According to what the said William BRICE said was the Course of the land Patented by his father and then Owned by your Petition and his Brother as aforesd and the said DUNNS land to the best of Your Petitioners Rememberance was runn South Twenty Degrees East the Course By the said William BRICE affirmed to be the course of Your Petitioner land from the said Popler to the Hickery Your Petitioners Corner On the Creek about a year and a half after which Your Petitioner was Informed that the said William BRICE had Entered Lands thereabouts but did not Imagine the said Brice Intended to make said Entry to take any of the land Your Petitioner had purchased as aforesd. and had always Concluded was within the bounds of the Patents under which Your Petitioner Claimed but in a very Little time afterwards the said William BRICE himself Came with some negroes which He Imediately Set to work on the said Land and forewarned your Petitioner from working on the said Land and told Your Petitioner he had no Right to the same Upon which Your Petitioner Imagining the said BRICE had Deceived him Imediately Entered a Caveat against the said BRICES Obtaining a warrant for the Land and aprehending that the Courses of the said Land was Mistaken in the Patent and that thereby your Petitioner had not near the Quantity of Land the said Thomas HARRIS Intended to sell and that your Petitioner suposed he had Purchased whereupon he applyed for a Resurvey there of from the Late Govenor & your Honours in April Last which hath been Accordingly Made where by it will Appear to your Honours that the Corner Always suposed & reputed to be the uper Corner tree of the said land is the true Intend:d Corner thereof and that in Seting Down the Course in the Patent there is a Mistake Otherwise there is not but a Little above One half of the land Contained Within the bounds of the said Patent mentioned in the same to be Granted, But now so it is may it please Your Honours the said William BRICE in his Life time having Deceived Your Petitioner by Assuring him that he had Seen the Record of the sd. Patent and thereby Prevented your Petitioner from making further Enquires about the same as your Petitioner Placed Great Confidence in the Verasity of the said William BRICE and his being perfectly Acquainted with the bounds and Courses of the said Land and also as he was Concerned for the Heirs of Your Petitioners Brother the said James SMITH Deceased (as Executor to the Said James) who were Equally Interested in the said Land with Your Petitioner. He the said William under Handedly Obtained awarrant for the Land within the said Lines always Suposed to be the Land of your Petitioner and hath Surveyed the same and taken part of your Petitioners Pasture and Great Part of the Best of the Land your Petitioner and all the Neighbours Ever Deemed to be the Land Your Petitioner and his said Brother P[torn] without which there is but Little now half the Land mentioned to be Contained in the said Patent and Designed to be Included in the Same which your Petitioner Humbly Conceives will appear to your Honours to be Occasioned by amistake of the Courses in filling up the Patent first mentioned & Granted to William BRICE the Elder which ought to have Been South Twenty Degrees East and not South Twenty Degrees West Wherefore as Your Petitioner and his said Brother paid a Valuable Consideration for the said Land and have Been in peaseable Possession thereof By the Suposed Bound aforesd. upwards of Twenty two Years and have During that time paid his Majestys Rents for Seven Hundred and fifty Acres the Quantity of Land purchased by them of the said Patent Your Orator Humbly Prays that the Courses mentioned in the said Patent to be South Twenty Degrees west from the Popler the uper boundary of the said Land may be altered and Run the line to the corner Hickery always Suposed to be the Uper Corner of the said Land and which Your Petitioner and all the Neighbours Suposed to be the bound of the Land Purchased by Your Petitioner and

his sd. Brother as aforesd. And Declared and Shewed By the said William BRICE so to be; Whereby Your Petitioner & the Heirs of His sd. Brother may have the full Number of Acres mentioned in and Intended to be taken up By the aforesd. Patents And sold and Conveyed to them But that if Your Honours Should not think meet to Direct the said Course to be altered and runn as aforesd. That then You will Please to Grant your Petitioner awarrant for the said Lands always suposed to be the Lands Purchased By him and his said Brother and thereby prevent the apparent Damage and final Ruin of Your poor Petitioner his wife and five Children And your sd. Petitioner as in Duty Bound Shall Ever pray &c Thomas SMITH"

Looking Back To The Bygone Days

The following article was written by Jesse L. Jackson, former Pitt County historian, and appeared in the *Daily Reflector*, Greenville, NC, Sept. 10, 1955. Contributed by Roger Kammerer.

" My attendance at Reedy Branch Church on the First Sunday in May this year recalled some incidents of long ago. Mr. McCoy TRIPP of Winterville took me to church that morning. This brought back to my mind the fact that I went to school with his father John TRIPP, son of Reddin TRIPP, at the Ben Luck School House not far from the crossing of the Swift Creek swamp which was also called the Ben Luck Swamp, from the fact an old colored man of that name lived alone in a cabin near it. This was about two miles west from the present town of Winterville. The schoolhouse was about 18 x 24 feet in size with very little furniture of any kind in it. In 1882 they had two terms of school there one in the winter and the other in the summer. Elias BRAXTON, a neighborhood boy who had been to the State University at Chapel Hill for a short while, was a teacher at one term and Miss Carrie REEVES, a young lady from the north side of Tar River, who later married Jule WHICHARD one of the founders of the Reflector, was the other teacher. Free-school ages, then as now, were from six to twenty-one. Miss Carrie's school started July 3, that year. I have a younger brother, Heber, whose birthday is the Fourth of July. To show how great sticklers some people are for the letter of the law; Elder Fred McGLOHON, one of the committeemen, objected to Heber's going to the first day of the school.

Another trip to Reedy Branch that I will always remember was with two of my uncles, Herbert and George ELLIS, They lived on the Tar Road where Miss Lottie ELLIS now lives. Our family had just moved to the next place just north of them. That was in 1887. Uncle Herbert drove one of the kickingest mules that day that I have ever seen. She kicked over the cross bar between the shafts about a dozen times on the three and a half mile trip, and many times the hoofs came in close proximity to our faces as we sat in the buggy.

The church at that time had a seating capacity of probably 150 to 200. On "quarterly meeting" days, especially May and August large crowds much larger than could get into the house came. Preaching Sunday was first Sunday in each month. People came from many miles around. They came in buggies, carts, wagons, horseback, and many walked. Those who could not get into the house, (and many of them did not want to) sat around the roots of the trees, in the vehicles or stood around gossiping, spinning yarns, chewing tobacco, smoking pipes, and a few smoked cigarettes though not nearly so many as now. Many people called them "coffin tacks." A few of the sportier men smoked cigars. Of course there was a lot of courting among the young folks. The reason I am sure about of this trip is that my youngest brother was born a few weeks after that on June 8th.

A rather unique method of getting to the church was that of Mr. Felix BRAXTON and his family. He lived about three miles from the church with his wife Sal Ann and two of her nieces. One of the nieces had been married and had a boy several years old. The other members of the family rode on a quilt spread out on the floor of a boxbody cart while Mr. BRAXTON rode on the back of his horse on a regular riding saddle. Mr. BRAXTON called his wife "Mud" (for mother I suppose) and she called him "Honey." Napkins were not in everday use at the tables then and when he got his fingers greasy while eating he would hold up his hands and call for "Muds" to wipe them with a dishrag. It was said that he wore starched white shirts while working in the field."

Della Parker, Former Pitt County Slave

The following article by Gertrude Carraway appeared in the Raleigh *News and Observer*, August 2, 1942. A photograph of Della Parker accompanied the article. Contributed by Roger Kammerer.

"She Still Picks Uncle Sam
New Bern, August 1....Hitler never will invade the United States, for the prayers of American Christians will bring about his defeat in Europe, it is predicted by Della PARKER, 101 year-old Negro woman of New Bern. This is the worst war in which America ever has been engaged, Della admits, but she feels certain that it will end in victory for the United States, just as have the four previous wars during which she has lived. Born February 14, 1841, as a slave owned by the late Mr. and Mrs. Joe LAUGHINGHOUSE in Pitt County, Della moved to James City, across Trent River from here, along with a colony of other Negroes after this area was captured by Union troops in 1862. She has many personal recollections of war, she says, still recalling the shots and shells of the War Between the States, when she saw "big balls flying through the air, tearing down trees, and making deep holes in the ground."

Better Days
In her opinion, these days are far better and happier than the old days. "There's more pleasure for everybody now," she declares, "and more money, too. I remember when we were lucky to get what we called 'shin plaster.' That was paper money. They used to give us even a nickel in paper money, 'stead of a round coin like it is now." The aged woman keeps up with current events, for she can read. But, strangely enough, she cannot write. White women taught her to read, she says, when Northerners opened schools in New Bern during the War Between the States. But most of her reading is confined to the Bible. She is deeply religious, though she belongs to no denomination. "I belongs to the wide-open church of Jesus Christ," she points out proudly, "and that don't mean no one building or set of people." So far she has kept remarkably well for more than a century, except for an occasional twinge of "rheumatix" recently. Her philosophy for good health and long life which has made her live so long annd so actively, she says, can be applied to our nation and insure its long life and welfare. "Just trust in the Lord and pray hard," she advises. "Be obedient to the Master's commands, and He will lengthen our days and keep us well and happy."

The following article appeared in the Raleigh *News and Observer*, August 28, 1942.

"Two Negro Sisters Pass Century Mark
New Bern, Aug. 27...It's a rare record for one member of a family to pass the century mark in age but there are sisters in this section who are both more than 100 years old. Lucy THOMPSON, Negro, of Maribel in Pamlico County, is 103 years old this month, having been born in Africa in August, 1839. Her sister, Della PARKER of New Bern is 101 years old, having been born in slavedom in Pitt County Feb. 14, 1841. The older sister is almost blind and is confined to her home most of the time. But the younger is still quite well and active."

Mrs. Hannah Smith Died at 96
New Bern Journal, New Bern, NC, Wed., Oct. 31, 1855.

Swift Creek Oct. 26th, 1855
Mr. Editor: As it is such a rare occurence, for us to have to announce the death of persons, who have lived to see their four score and ten; I send you an account of the death of Mrs. Hannah SMITH, of Pitt County, who died Oct. 26th, 1855, aged 96 years. She was sick six weeks, before her death, with billious fever. Before her last sickness, her step was as brisk and buoyant as the youth of our age.

Respectfully yours, John CHAPMAN

Two Missing Pitt County Deeds

The first document is a deed from the missing Pitt County Deed Book A, which apparently was produced as evidence in a court case. The second document is a petition and court decree for a division of land. The division of land appears to have been recorded in Deed Book FF. Deed Book A and FF disappeared from the Pitt County Register of Deeds Office sometime before 1960, when the deed books were first microfilmed. These documents are found in the Ransom A. Chauncey Papers, #975, Rare Book, Manuscript, & Special Collections Library, William R. Perkins Library, Duke University, Durham, NC. Contributed by Allen Churchill. Bracket notes are by the editor.

"North Carolina}
Pitts County} Know all men by these presents that I James CONNER ot the province aforesaid and county of Tyrell, for and in the consideration of the sum of fifty-two pounds Current money of Virginia to me in hand paid by Joseph GAINER of the province aforesaid and County of Tyrell the receipt whereof I do hereby acknowledge and myself Therewith fully and entirely satisfied Contented and paid Have given, granted, Bargained Sold Aliened enseossed conveyed and and confirmed and by these presents do fully freely clearly and absolutely give, grant, Bargain sell alien enseossed convey and confirm to the said Joseph Gainor his heirs and assigns forever a certain tract or parcel of Land Situate lying and being on the north side Tranters Creek in Pitts County aforesaid being a tract of Land granted to Martin CRUMMEY in the year One Thousand seven hundred and Thirty Butted and bounded as follows, Beginning at a White Oak Running thence N. 60, Es. 60 pole to a white oak, Thence No. 30, W. 320 poles to a pine a corner tree in a branch Then downThe said branch to The Creek Then The meanders of The Creeke to The first Station Containing by estimation 320 acres be The same more or less together with privileges and appurtenances Thereunto belonging or in any wise appertaining to The said Joseph GAINER his heirs and assigns forever. To have hold use occupy possess and enjoy as his and their own proper Right of inheritance in fee simple and I The said James CONNER do for myself, my heirs, Executors And Administrators Covenant and agree to and with The said Joseph GAINER his heirs and assigns forever to warrant and defend the above demised premises from The Lawful claim Challenge or demand of any Person or Persons whatsoever and have in myself Lawfull right, full power and authority to sell and dispose of The same. In witness whereof I have hereunto set my hand and seal This 6th day of March in the year of our Lord One Thousand seven hundred sixty and one

Signed sealed and delivered James CONNER
in the presence of us,
James GAINER Jur
Ebnr. SLADE
Rosanna CONNER
Novr. 1761. Ordered to be Registered

I Stephen F. JOHNSON Register for the county of Pitt Certify The foregoing deed from James CONNER to Joseph GAINER to be a correct copy or as much as found on record in my office
October 30th 1852 S. F. JOHNSON Regr."

[From the above we know that Deed Book A was in existence in 1852 and from the surviving index information in the Register of Deeds Office, this deed was in Book A, page 197.]

"State of North Carolina}
Pitt County} Spring Term of the Superior Court
To the Honorable the Judge of the Superior Court of Law for the County of Pitt
The petition of Edmund GAINER of the County of Pitt of Mary S. GAINER & Barsheba GAINER of the County of Beaufort and Rebecca GAINER, Susannah GAINER, Sarah GAINER, Joseph GAINER &

William GAINER of the County of Beaufort, the last of whom are infants and sue in his behalf by Edwin GORHAM then Guardian & next friend.
Humbly shew unto your Honour your petitioners aforesaid, that they are tenants in common of a tract of Land being in the Counties of Pitt, Beaufort & Martin which is bounded by the lands of the heirs of William ANDREWS, William OUTLAW, Joseph CAROWAY, Benjamin LEGIT, Elisha LEGIT, John WOOLARD, Robert GURGANUS & Luke SHORT and which contains about 1260 acres of land, which said lands descends to your petitioners from their Father Joseph GAINER who departed this life sometime past intestate leaving your petitioners his children and heirs at Law him surviving.
Your Petitioners further shew unto your Honour that they are [torn]ous of having partition made of said lands and that the Share of [torn] one of them may be allotted to him or her in severalty and that [torn] are advised this cannot be done without the aid of this honorable [torn]uit where such matters are alone and properly cognesable. They [torn]efore pray your Honour to appoint five freeholders unconnected [torn]th your petitioners and properly qualified who or a majority of [torn] may go on the premises and make partition thereof And who [torn]y lay off and allot to your petitioners in severalty their respective por[torn]ion of said lands agreeably to law and make report of their proceedings to the next Term of this Honorable Court
And your petitioners will ever pray &c Geo W MORDECAI Propett."

"Whereupon it was ordered that Benjamin F EBORN, Josiah DANIEL, Lanier DANIEL, Thomas LATHAM & James HODGES or a majority [torn] them be appointed Commissioners to make partition in the lands of Joseph GAINER Decd. amongst the heirs of said Decd agreea[torn] to the prayer of the Petitioners and when having so done that they return such division so made under their hands and seals with this writ to the next term of this court. Witness R. S. BLOUNT Clerk of our said Court at office in Greenville the 1st monday of March AD 1831. issued the 26th day of March 1831.
Reading S BLOUNT C. S. C."

"The Commissioners return is seen from under the hand of the Register And at the fall term 1831 the Commissioners made their retu[torn] when "this cause comeing on to be heard on the petition and report of the commissioners made to this Term. It is ordered adjudged and decreed by the court that the said report be confirmed in all respects and that partition be made of the lands set forth in the petition according to said report. It is further ordered that said report be entered on the records of this court and be registered in the registers office for the County of Pitt & that the cost be paid by the petitioners.

"State of North Carolina}
Pitt County} I Reading S BLOUNT Clerk of the Superior [torn] of Law for the County of Pitt do hereby certify that the foregoing is a true Copy of the petition of Edmund GAINER & others Expart and also a true copy of the order of the Court and of the Decree [torn] the Court as appears on record in my office Given under my hand and Seal [torn] office in Greenville this 30th day of April 1833
Reading S BLOUNT C. S. C."

[The above is a petition and court decree for a division of land. From the surviving index information in the Register of Deeds Office, the division of land ordered by the court from this petition was recorded in Book FF, page 446.]

Mrs. BRILEY Dead
Eastern Reflector, Wed. June 12, 1889

Late Saturday afternoon the still more distressing news was brought in from the Great Swamp section that the wife of that worthy man, Mr. W. J. BRILEY, had passed over the river. She had been sick but a few days. Her death was doubly sad, as the Husband not only loses a devoted wife, but several small children—the youngest an infant of only a few weeks—thus lose the tender care of a loving mother. 'Tis indeed a severe affliction. Mrs. BRILEY was a daughter of Mr. Ivey FLEMING and a sister of Mrs. J. J. NOBLES and Messers. Leonidas, William J., and Heber FLEMING.

New Bern District Court Cases

The following court cases were taken from the New Bern District, Criminal Action Papers, DSCR 206. 326. 2, NC Archives, Raleigh, NC. The New Bern District included several adjacent counties, including Pitt and Beaufort. Contributed by Roger Kammerer.

"The State vs Abraham HARDY — Indictment for assault
North Carolina} Superior Court of Law and Equity May term 1784.
Newbern district}
The jurors for the State upon their oath present, Abraham HARDY of Pitt county yeoman, on the twenty first day of december, in the year of our Lord one thousand seven hundred and eighty three, and in the eighth year of American Independence, with force and arms, in the county and district aforesaid, in and upon William KING, in the peace of God and the said State then and there being, did make an assault, and him the said William then and there did beat, wound, and ill treat, and other wrongs to the said William then and there did, to the great damage of the said William, and against the peace and dignity of the said State. Alfred MOOR Atto. Genl."

"The State vs Leven ROSS — Indictment for assault
Newbern district} Superior Court of Law November term 1788.
The jurors for the State upon their oath present that, Leven ROSS, late of Pitt county planter, on the first day of August, in the year of our Lord one thousand seven hundred and eighty eight, and in the thirteenth year of the Independence of the State, with force and arms, in the county and district aforesaid, in and upon Stephen PUGH, in the peace of God and the State then and there being, did make an assault, and him the said Stephen then and there did beat, wound, and ill treat, and other wrongs to the said Stephen then and there did, to his great damage, and against the peace and dignity of the State. A. MOOR Att Genl."

"The State vs John SALTER Jr. — Indictment for assault
Newbern district} Superior Court of Law November term 1788.
The Jurors for the State upon their oath present that John SALTER, the younger, late of Pitt county planter, on the tenth day of July, in the year of our Lord one thousand seven hundred and eighty eight, and in the thirteenth year of the Independence of the State, with force and arms, in the County and district aforesaid, in and upon Thomas TYSON, in the peace of God and the State then and there being, did make an assault, and him the said Thomas TYSON then and there did beat, wound, and ill treat, and other wrongs to the said Thomas then and there did, to his great damage, and against the peace and dignity of the State. A: MOOR Att Genl."

"The State vs Reading BLOUNT — misdr.
Newbern district} Superior Court of Law and Equity May Term 1787.
The Jurors upon their Oath present that Reading BLOUNT late of Pitt County Gentleman being one of the field officers of the Continental line of this State duly authorized and impowered by an Act of the General Assembly in that case and provided (to countersign accounts for Soldiers who had served in the continental line of this State for the purpose of Certifying the same Accounts to be Just) on the tenth day of April in the year of our Lord one thousand seven hundred and eighty six and in the Tenth year of the Independence of the State and divers other days and times as well before and since in the county of Pitt within the said district, in violation of the trust reposed in him by the State as aforesaid unlawfully and falsely did countersign and certify One hundred Accounts drawn against the United States, for Services in the same accounts charged to have been performed by Soldiers in the Continental line of this State without Knowing or believing all or any of the said Accounts by him the said Reading BLOUNT so countersigned and Certified as aforesaid to be true, an Evil example to all others in the like case offending and against the Peace and Dignity of the State

A. MOORE Atty Genl."

"The State vs James HARRINGTON & William HANCOCK — Indictment for murder
Newbern district} Superior Court of Law and Equity November term 1785.
The Jurors for the State upon their oath present that James HARRINGTON late of Beaufort county mariner, and William HANCOCK late of the same county mariner, not having the fear of God before their eyes but being moved and seduced by the instigation of the devil on the twenty fourth day of November in the year of our Lord one thousand seven hundred and eighty five, and in the tenth year of American Independence, with force and arms, in the county and district aforesaid, in and upon one James McKEEL, in the peace of God and the State then and there being, feloniously wilfully and of their malice aforethought did make an assault, and that the said James HARRINGTON a certain wooden instrument called a salving mallet of the value of four pence, which he the said James HARRINGTON in his right hand then and there had and held, the said James McKEEL in and upon the back part of the head of him the said James McKEEL , then and there feloniously wilfully and of his malice aforethought, did strike and beat, giving to the said James McKEEL then and there, with the salving mallet aforesaid in and upon the back part of the head of him the said James McKEEL several mortal bruises, of which said several mortal bruises, the said James McKEEL from the said twenty fourth day of November in the year aforesaid, until the twenty fifth day of the same month in the said year in the county and district aforesaid, did languish and languihing did live; on which said twenty fifth day of November in the year aforesaid the said James McKEEL in the county and district aforesaid, of the several mortal bruises aforesaid died and that the aforesaid William HENCOCK , then and there feloniously, wilfully and of his malice aforethought, was present, aiding, helping, abetting, comforting, assisting and maintaining the said James HARRINGTON, the felony and murder aforesaid in manner and form, to do, and commit, and so the Jururs aforesaid, upon there oath aforesaid, do say that the said James HARRINGTON and William HANCOCK, the said James McKEEL in manner and form aforesaid, feloniously, wilfully and of their malice aforethought did kill and murder against the peace and dignity of the State. A. MOORE Att Genl.
Cox COURT and Adam TOOLY} Witnesses"

"The State vs Benjamin BAGNEL — Indictment for murder
Newbern district} Superior Court of Law and Equity November term 1783.
The Jurors for the State upon their oath present that, Benjamin BAGNEL late of the county of Craven, mariner, not having the fear of God in his heart, but being moved and seduced by the instigation of the devil, on the twenty seventh day of January, in the year of our Lord one thousand seven hundred and eighty three, and in the seventh year of American Independence, with force and arms, in the county of Craven, in the district aforesaid, in and upon one John CORBETT, in the peace of God and the said State then and there being, feloniously wilfully and of his malice aforethought did make an assault, and that the said Benjamin BAGNEL, with both his hands and feet the said John, to and against the ground, then and there feloniously wilfully and of his malice aforethought did cast and throw, and that the same John so upon the ground lying he the said Benjamin, with both his hands and feet of him the said Benjamin, the said John, in and upon the head, stomach, back and sides, of him the said John, then and there feloniously wilfully and of his malice aforethought, did strike, beat, and kick, giving to the said John, as well by the casting and throwing of him the said John to the ground aforesaid, as also by striking, beating, and kicking the said John, in and upon the head, stomach, back and sides of him the said John with both the hands and feet of him the said Benjamin in manner aforesaid, several mortal bruises, of which said several mortal bruises, the said John from the said twenty seventh day of January in the year aforesaid until the eighth day of February in the year in the county and district aforesaid did languish, and languishing did live on which said eighth day of February in the said year, the said John, in the county and district aforesaid, of the several mortal bruises aforesaid, died. And so the jurors aforesaid upon their oath aforesaid do say that, the said Benjamin BAGNEL the said John CORBETT in manner and form aforesaid, feloniously wilfully and of his malice aforethought, did kill and murder against the peace and dignity of the said State Alfred MOORE Atto Genl"

"The State vs John SHIP — Indictment for assault
State of North Carolina Newbern district} Superior Court of Law and Equity November term 1783.
The jurors for the State upon their oath present that John SHIP, late of the county of Craven, yeoman, on the tenth day of November, in the year of our Lord one thousand seven hundred and eighty three, and in

the eighth year of American Independence, with force and arms, in the county and district aforesaid, in and upon one Nathaniel CANNON, in the peace of God and the said State then and there being did make an assault, and the under lip of the said Nathaniel did then and there bite off, and other wrongs to the said Nathaniel and against the peace and dignity of the said State.

Alfred MOORE Att Genl."

The following court case was taken from New Bern District, Criminal Action Papers, DSCR 206. 326. 3, NC Archives, Raleigh, NC.

Testimony re Abraham HARDEE, accused of murder

"North Carolina Pitt County} Greenville Octr. 24th. 1792
Personally appeard before me one of the Justices Assignd to keep the peace in & for the County of Pitt &c. Mr. Hardee SMITH William HELLING John CRAWFORD & James CRAWFORD And Severally acknowledged Them Selves Justly Indebted to the State aforesaid in the Sum of Two Hundred pounds Lawfull money Each to be Levyed of theire goods Chattles lands & tenements to be layd provided they & Each of them make theire personal appearance Before the Judges of the Superor Court to Be held in the Town of New Bern on the Nineteenth day of March next then and There give testimoney on the part of the State Against Abraham HARDEE being Charged with the murder of a negro Man Slave the property of Mrs Clarey SALTER by the name of NOLLEY and not Depart without Leave first had and Obtained &c Acknoledged before me at Office Jno. MOYE JP"

Fight Near Rountree Church

Eastern Reflector, Fri., Aug. 31, 1900.

We learn this morning of a fight which occured Monday on Mr. Henry Tripp's place near Rountree's church, between Mr. Henry TRIPP, and Mr. Frank TUTON. It seems that Mr. TUTON in company with another man was working in Mr. TRIPP'S field, when Mr. TRIPP came up and began usuing unsulting languages toward Mr. TUTON, and started back toward his house when Mr. TUTON cut him twice with a knife. Mr. TRIPP then went to the house and got his gun and came back and shot Mr. TUTON, who in the meantime had gotton over the fence into the road, twice, one load taking effect in the leg and the other in the hip. Mr. TUTON was taken home and attended to by a doctor. Mr. TRIPP'S cut did not prove serious.

Homicide at Shelmerdine

Daily Reflector, Greenville, NC, Mon., Dec. 28, 1903.

On Christmas day there was a shooting match at Shelmerdine for chickens, Charlie BOYKIN and Jesse HADDOCK, both white, got into a dispute over a 5 cent shot. While BOYKIN had his back turned towards HADDOCK the latter shot him with a pistol. As BOYKIN turned around to face his assailant, HADDOCK fired on him again with a shot gun, the load taking effect in the bowels. BOYKIN lived only two hours after the shooting. He was formerly of Wilson county but had been at Shelmerdine about two years. Coroner LAUGHINGHOUSE went down Saturday evening to hold an inquest and the verdict of the jury that BOYKIN came to his death from a gun shot wound in the hands of Jess HADDOCK. The coroner ordered HADDOCK taken in custody and placed a jail commitment in the hands of the officer who had him in charge. Later the officer took HADDOCK before a magistrate and the latter released him from custody under a $1,000 verified bond.

Thomas COUNCIL Murdered Wife

Eastern Reflector, Wed. July 31, 1889

There is some excitement in Martin Co., over a supposed murder case. The wife of Thomas COUNCIL died strangely a little more than a week ago. She was buried and he took the train for parts unknown. Suspicion ran so high that on last Tuesday the body was taken up and poison was found in the stomach. The verdict of the inquest is said to be, that she was poisoned by her husband.

Rutha Dennis Remembered

Contributed by Roger Kammerer.

"Recites Heroic Incidents of the Civil War Days
Daily Reflector, Jan. 4, 1941

An incident of the Civil war in which a Pitt county woman played the part of a heroine in an improvised hospital where smallpox stricken soldiers were quartered is related in an article prepared by Mrs. Charles MCARTHUR.
Amid the dark days of the Civil war when food ran short and everything seemed to point to defeat and desolation, as a crowning disaster that dread disease smallpox broke out in the army. A young soldier from North Carolina was placed at guard at the improvised hospital. One day while seated near the gate the guard was thinking of the diresome situation, the suffering and death the ones attending this abode of sorrow had to witness; the hard-pressed army in the field so ill prepared to spare these stricken ones from the rank, and wondering whether any of them would ever again be able to return to their homes and loved ones. Looking around he saw approaching a strange form, a gigantic woman, or what seemed more likely a man in woman's apparel. The coarse dress of homespun was nothing strange for the times, but the masculine appearance, the huge form awakened within the inexperienced guard a feeling of wonder, which was soon to be changed into something akin of fear as this strange-looking woman passed in front of him and asked in a deep voice: " Is Skilton DENNIS in there?" The guard replied, "Yes, he is in there." "Then open the gate." "No, no," replied the guard. "No one is allowed to pass here except certain ones detailed for hospital duty. I am here to see that no one goes in or comes out without a pass." At this reply the visitor reached down into a pocket and drew therefrom a long, gleaming knife, saying "If Skilton DENNIS is in there I am going in if I have to wade through blood knee deep." With his hair rising and without another word, the guard opened the gate. Miss Ruthie DENNIS walked through. It was hard for one of this day to visualize the well-knigh hopeless situation that confronted this heroic woman, who had walked from her humble home in Pitt county to this army hospital in Virginia that she might help her brother and also help every poor soul in that fearsome place. A fearsome place indeed, but she was not afraid and for many long days she stayed, a ministering angel, soothing the pain-wracked bodies, bathing the burning brow, anointing the loathsome disease encrusted limbs, shrouding the dead. With the poorest equipment, the scant supply of nourishment, she worked day in and day out until the terrible scourge ceased. Then, seemingly unaware that she had done anything more than her simple duty to her brother and friends, she departed for her home accompanied by the brother for whom she had nobly risked her life. Outwardly rough and unattractive, inwardly she was a soul of mercy. I have related this true story as it was told to my brother, Amos JOYNER, by Mr. IRVIN, who was the guard at the gate. Mr. IRVIN, who lived near Richlands, Onslow county, travelled for years for a nursery company, sometimes spending the night at the homes of his patrons. On one such occasion he told this touching incident. Miss Ruthie DENNIS lived near Ayden. Her brother Skilton DENNIS has descendants still living, perhaps near Ayden.

Ayden Items...
Eastern Reflector, Greenville, NC, Friday, Sept. 9, 1904.
Miss Rutha Dennis, a very old lady near town who is generally known throughout the county, is critically ill at home. In her young womanhood it is supposed she was the strongest woman in the county. She could easily lift a barrel of turpentine and put it in a cart. She is now about 75 or 80 years of age."

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Revolutionary War Pension, Giles Nelson

The following pension records were copied from the National Archives in Washington, DC and contributed by John V. Lucas. Brackets are by the editor.

Giles NELSON, File S.7263

Giles NELSON, of Pitt County, NC, was a private in Col. ARMSTRONGS Regiment of the NC Line, serving for six years. He was Inscribed on the NC Rolls at a rate of eight dollars a monrh, commencing November 16, 1818. Certificate of Pension was issued on May 24, 1820 and sent to Judge Henry POTTER, of Raleigh, NC. Arrears to March 4, 1820 were $133. 03. Semi Annual allowance ending Sept. 4, 1820, $48.00. Total: $181.03 owed.

[DISCHARGE PAPER]
"Fifth Regiment N. Carolina Continental Troops Commanded by Colonel James ARMSTRONG
There unto Certify, That the Bearer hereof Giles NELSON aprivate Soldier, has served in the above sd. Regiment, for the space of three Years, and is [word cut off] the reason below mentioned, discharged from the said Regiment, he having Recieved his pay arrears of pay cloathing of all sorts, and all other just demandes, from the time of inlisting in the sd. Regt, to this day of his Discharge, as appears by his receipt on the Back of his discharge, he is Discharged having served theturm of time out faithfully, and to prevent any ill use that may be made of this discharge, by its falling into The hands of any other person whatsoever, here follows the description of the above Giles NELSON, aged twenty Seven years, five feet six inches high, light complection, darke hair, Blue eyes, Born in Pitt County, N. Carolina, by trade a farmer
Given under My hand Pitt County this Seventeenth day Jany. 1782
James ARMSTRONG Colo. N. C. Contil. Troops"

[ON REVERSE OF THE ABOVE DISCHARGE]
"I Giles NELSON do acknowledge to have recieved all my pay arrears of pay, cloathing of all sorts and all other Just Demands, fromthe day of my inlisting into the said Regiment to this day of my Discharge
Giles NELSON"

"District of North Carolina
On this 16th. day of November 1818, before me the subscriber, one of the Judges of the United States for the District aforesaid, personally appeared Giles NELSON, aged Sixty five years, resident of Pitt County in the said district, who being by me first duly sworn according to law, doth on his oath make the following declaration, in order to obtain the provision made by the late Act of Congress, entitled "An act to provide for certain persons engaged in the land and naval service of the United States in the revolutionary war." That he the said Giles NELSON, in the year 1776, enlisted in Pitt County in the State of North Carolina, in the company commanded by Captain John INLOE of the fifth Regiment, in the North Carolina line, on the Continental establishment for two & a half years; that he continued to serve in the said fifth regiment, but in different companies, until the end of his said enlistment— and being then prevailed upon by Colo. ARMSTRONG of the said regiment, he agreed to continue in service, and did so continue, until the 17th of January 1782, on which day he obtained a discharge from Colo. ARMSTRONG which he now exhibits, that after the Capture of Ld Cornwallis he obtained a furlough to go home; and after his return home, in the County of Pitt aforesaid, in the State of North Carolina, he obtained his said discharge; that he was in no regular battle, and that he is in reduced circumstances & stands in need of the assistance of his country for support. Sworn to & declared before me, the day & year first aforesaid.
H. POTTER DJUS NC"

"North Carolina District
Britain JONES maketh Oath that he saw the aforesaid Giles NELSON in the Service of the United States, as a soldier in the Continental army, in the revolutionary war, & served with him for some months, but thinks not so long as nine months; & further saith not.
Sworn before me the 16th Novr. 1818. H. POTTER DJUS NC"

"North Carolina District
John ANDERSON maketh Oath that the aforesaid Giles NELSON served more then nine months, in the same Company with deponant, in the North Carolina line, on the Continental establishment, in the Service of the United States in the revolutionary war— in Captain INLOES Company of the fifth regiment. And further saith not.
Sworn before me the 16th Novemr. 1818.H. POTTER DJUS NC"

"The said John ANDERSON further saith on oath, that the discharge now shewn to him, purporting to have been given by Colo. Jas. ARMSTRONG to Giles NELSON on the 17th Jany. 1782 is in the handwriting and Signed by the said Colo. ARMSTRONG, to the best of his knowledge that he frequently saw his handwriting; and that the said James ARMSTRONG was a Colonel in the Continental army of the United States in the revolutionary war.
Sworn before me the 16th Novr. 1818. H. POTTER DJUS NC"

I Henry Potter District Judge &c as aforesaid do certify that it appears to my satisfaction that the said Giles NELSON did serve in the revolutionary war, as stated in the Preceeding declaration against the common enemys, for the term of nine months, on the Continental establishment, and that he is in reduced circumstances & stands in and of the assistence of his country for support and I now transmit the proceedings & testimony taken & had before me. to the Secretary for the Department of War, pursuent to the directions of the aforementioned act of Congress.
Raleigh 27t. Decemr. 1819. H. POTTER DJUS NC"

"State of North Carolina Pitt County
the fifth day of November 1818.
Personally came before me J A BLACKWELL one of the Justices of the Peace for said County Caswell ARMSTRONG Who hath Deposed & Said on the holly evangelist of all mity God that he is well acquainted with the signature and hand writing of Colo. James ARMSTRONG and he belive the Certificate given on the Seventeenth of January Seventeen hundred and Eighty two by the said James ARMSTRONG to Giles NELSON to be his own hand writing & Signature to the Certificate attached
J A BLACKWELL Caswell ARMSTRONG"

"State of North Carolina Pitt County
Pitt County
I do hereby Certify that Jacob A BLACKWELL before whom the within affidavit was taken is one of the acting Justices of the Peace of the County of Pitt and that and credit ought to be given his Judicial Acts as such given under my hand & seal of the Court at Office in Greenesville the 5th Nov 1818
Alexander EVANS CLK by Richard EVANS"

"North Carolina}
Pitt County} November the 1st 1819 this day
Personally appeared before me Joseph BLOUNT one of the Justices of the Peace for the County aforesaid John STEPHENS & John ANDERSON and after being duly Sworn upon the holy Evangelist of Almighty God in due form of law Declareth & sayeth that they are well acquainted with Giles NELSON & believe that he is in reduced circumstances & Stands in need of the assistence of his Country for Support
Given under our hands the day & date above written
Sworn & Subscribed to at Greenesville Before me Day & Date above written
test Jos BLOUNT J. P. John [his X mark] STEPHENS
John ANDERSON

State of North Carolina}
Pitt County}
I Alexander EVANS Clerk of the County Court of Pitt do hereby Certify that Joseph BLOUNT Esquire is an acting Justice of the Peace of the County of Pitt and that faith and credit is due and ought to be given to his acts and Deeds as such given under my hand Seal of the Court at office in Greenesville the 9th day November AD 1819 Alexander EVANS CLK by Richard EVANS"

"State of North Carolina}
Pitt County}
On this tenth day of August AD 1832, personally appeared before the Justices of the Court of Pleas & Quarter Sessions for the State and County aforesaid now Setting (the same being a Court of record) Giles NELSON a resident of Pitt County and State of North Carolina aged Seventy nine years who being first duly Sworn according to law, doth on his oath make the following declarations in order to obtain the benefit of the Act of Congress passed June 7th 1832. That he was a Soldier of the army of the Revolution a private in the 5th Regiment of the North Carolina Continental line, that he was placed on the Pensions Roll under the Act of March 18, 1818 of the North Carolina agency, received a Certificate thereof and drew the first payment due thereon— and was stuck off from the same on account of property— that he now resides in the County of Pitt aforesaid and resided there at the time the first application was made. He hereby relinquishes every Claim whatever to apension or annuity except the present, and he declares that his name is not in the Pension Roll of any agency in any State, or if any only on that of the agency in the State of North Carolina, from which he has been stricken off as aforesaid
Sworn to and Subscribed the day and year aforesaid Giles [his mark] NELSON
Arch PARKER CLK

And the Said Court do hereby declare their opinion that the above named applicant was a Soldier of the Revolution, and was on the Pension Roll as he States
I Archibald PARKER, Clerk of the Court of Pleas & Quarter Sessions for the County of Pitt aforesaid, do hereby Certify that the foregoing contains the original proceedings of the Said Court in the matter of the application of Giles NELSON for a pension. In Testimony whereof, I have unto Set my hand and Seal of office, this 10th day of August in the year of 1832
Arch PARKER CLK
Goold HOYT J. P. Chairman"

Giles NELSON, of Pitt County, NC, was a private in Col. ARMSTONGS Regiment of the NC Line, serving for 2 years. He was Inscribed on the NC Rolls at a rate of 80 dollars a year, commencing March 4, 1834. Certificate of Pension was issued on April 3, 1833 and sent to A. PARKER, Greenville, NC. Arrears to March 4, 1833 were $160. 00. Semi-annual allowance ending Sept. 4, 1833, $40.00. Total: $200. 00 owed. {Revolutionary Claim Act June 7, 1832.}

[Notes in this file say letters were sent May 18, 1829 to Giles Nelson and to Hon. J. H. EATON on Dec. 8, 1829. A compiled service history of Giles Nelson from this file was sent to Mrs. J. L. BUTT, Sept. 16, 1914; the letter was placed in Charles SMITH file. In the 1840 Pension List, Giles NELSON, age 86 was living with Caleb NELSON in Pitt County.]

Mrs. FLEMING Died

Eastern Reflector, Wed., Jan. 26, 1887

We learn that the wife of Ivy FLEMING, who lives a few miles from Greenville, died on Sunday evening.

Mrs. Emily FLEMING Dead

Eastern Reflector, Fri., May 5, 1899

Mrs. Emily FLEMING died at her home near Great swamp on Friday evening of last week, after a long illness. She was sixty six years old, a most excellent woman and had a large circle of warm friends. She leaves several children.

Pitt & Related County Wills

Will of Solomon WITHERINGTON

Craven County, NC [date unknown] ca. 1766. Found in Craven County Wills, C. R. 028. 801. 33, NC Archives, Raleigh, NC. Contributed by Sammy A. Pierce, of Arlington, Va.

"In the name of god amen I Solomon WITHERNTON of Craven County being Sick and weak of body but of Perfect Sence and Remembrence thanks be to god for it. I Doe make and order this my Last will and testament in manner and form as followeth I making void all other wills before by me maid first I Comit my Sole to the Pertection of Jesus Christ hoping and beleiving that he by this meritorious feate and Pashon hath Pirchaised Eternal Salvation for the Same and my Body to the Earth to be buried in Christian maner after the Deschrshon of my Executors hereafter menchoned and as for my worldly goods I Despose of in maner and form as followeth
Item I give and bequeath unto my Son thomas WITHERINTON won Sow and Pigs to Him and his heirs for Ever
Item I give and bequeath unto my Daughter mary RAMSE won Sow and Pigs to hur and hur heirs for Ever
Item I give and bequeath unto my Daughter Elisabath HUTUS won Sow and Pigs to hur and hur heirs for Ever
Item I give and bequeath unto my Son Robard WITHERINTON won feather bed and furnitde half Duzen of Plates two Dishes won Bason and the new Iron Pot to and his heirs for Ever and all the Rest of my Estate unmenchoned both with in and without I Lend to my well Beloved wife in during hur natural Life or widowhood I Revoking all other wills before by me maid Doe Constitute make and ordain my Loving wife ann WITHERINTON thomas WITHERINTON and Robard WITHERINTON my hole and Sole Executors of this my Last will and testament as witness whereunto I have hereunto Set my hand and fixed my Seal Solomon [his X mark] WITHERNTON
Jonathan McKFARSON
Joseph BRUTEN Jur.

April Craven Inferior Court 1766
Present His Majestys Justices
The within Last Will and Testament of Solomon WITHERINGTON was Exhibited into Court and proved by the Oath of Joseph BRUTON Evidence thereto who swore that he saw the Testator Sign Seal Publish and Declare the within to be and contain his Last Will and Testament and that at the Time thereof he was of Sound & disposing memory. Robert WITHERINGTON one of the Executors therein Named Qualified as Such Agreeable to Law
Ordered that Mr. Secretary have Notice thereof that Letters Testamentary Issue thereon Accordingly
Test Chrisr. NEALE C. I. C.
Letters Issued Augt. 5th. 1766. fees pd."

Will of Starling AVERITT

Pitt County, 1855. Taken from Pitt County Wills and Testaments, Book 1, Pitt County Courthouse, Greenville, NC. Contributed by Roger Kammerer.

"In the name of God Amen. I Starling AVERETT being of sound mind & memory do make and ordain my last will & testament in manner and form following, to-wit:
Item I give and bequeath to my daughter Polly BLANDIFORD one feather bed and its furniture.
Item I give, devise & bequeath to my wife Penny all my property both real, personal and mixed during the term of her natural life except what is herein otherwise disposed of.

Item I give, devise & bequeath to my Grand Son William H. BURNETT Sometimes Called William H AVERETT after the death of my wife Penny all my property both real, personal & mixed, not otherwise disposed of. Starling (his X mark) AVERITT
Signed, delivered & published this 13th
day of November 1855 in presence
of us who at his request & in his
presence have attested the same.
Joseph L. BALLARD
James MCARTHUR

North Carolina}
Pitt County} Court of Pleas and Quarter Sessions May Term 1868
This paper writing purporting to be the last will and testament of Starling AVERETT was produced in open Court for probate by Wm H. BURNETT and duly proved by the oath of Joseph L BALLARD, a subscribing witness thereto; And thereupon it is declared by the Court to be the last will of the said Starling AVERITT and ordered to be recorded and filed G. A. DANCY Clerk"

Will of James S. CLARK

Pitt County, 1860. Taken from Pitt County Wills, C. R., 079.801, NC Archives, Raleigh, NC. Contributed by Roger Kammerer.

"I, James S. CLARK of Greenville North Carolina, do make and declare my Last Will and Testament in manner and form as follows, To-wit:
Item I give and devise to my trusty friend C. C. PERKINS, in trust equally for my two sons, William E. CLARK, and James E. CLARK, my Neck plantation and Lands lying in the County of Pitt on Tar River, Tranters Creek, and Grindell Creek; and my Smithwick WHITLEY tract of land on Grindell Creek and negro slaves Oliver and his wife Nancy, and Oliver and Stanley their children and the increase of Nancy after the date of this Will — and Sam, and Ben and old Kit & his wife Aramet, and Stephen, son of old Kit, and Adeline and her present child, and the increase of Adeline, born after the date of this Will: And in trust for my son James E. CLARK, Negro slave, Priscy and the Lot in Greenville where Priscy lives, known in the plot of said Town as Lot No. eighty-one (81). Also in trust for William the sum of five hundred dollars and for James Edgar the sum of One thousand dollars for their education, if the same should be unfinished at my death, and to be applied to no other purpose.
Item I give and devise to C. C. PERKINS aforesaid, in trust for my daughter Adelaide wife of G. W. JOHNSON for her natural life my Brush Island, MOORING and SMITH tracts of land adjoining John S. BROWN, Wm. WHITEHEAD and others, and after her death to her issue and failing to have issue surviving her, then to my other children and their issue.
Item I give and devise to C. C. PERKINS aforesaid in trust for my daughter Elvira for her natural life all my lands in Sumpter County Georgia and after her death to her issue and failing to have issue surviving her, then to my other children and their issue.
Item I give and devise to C. C. PERKINS aforesaid in trust for my daughters Victoria JONES, and Della wife of Wm. S. JENKINS equally for their natural lives all my lands in the County of Macon, Georgia and after their death the share of each to each ones issue respectively and failing to have issue surviving — then to my other children and their issue.
Item I give to my grandchild Helen JONES, Negro girl Lea, and her increase born after the date of this will.
Item I give to my grandchild Mary JENKINS, Negro girl Sydney and her increase born after the date of this will.
Item I give and bequeath to C. C. PERKINS aforesaid in trust for children William, James Edgar, Adelaide JOHNSON, Elvira, Della JENKINS, and Victoria JONES subject to the same limitations and conditions as the respective legacies to each of them aforesaid, all the balance of my negro slaves, that are

not sold for the payment of my debts equally to be divided among them. And in said division it is my wish and will that my children be permitted to select my favorite negroes as part of their shares and that the negroes be so allotted and divided if the same be practicable without doing injustice to any particular share or shares as to retain and include in each child's share the negroes that may be living on the plantation, I have given to each of them. And that they be allotted in families provided it can be done without assigning to any share too great a proportion of young or aged negroes, and upon the said trust and limitations it is my wish and will that each plantation be furnished equally from what may on hand at my death of the same and not otherwise with reasonable and necessary household and kitchen furniture, farming utensils, carts, wagons, horses, mules, oxen, sheep, hogs and cattle, and corn and fodder, and I appoint my friends Henry SHEPPARD, Louis G. LITTLE, Burton G. ALBRITTON, John S. SMITH and William WHITEHEAD or a mojority of them to make the aforesaid division of negroes and other property, and my executors are directed to pay there expenses and compensation for their trouble and in case they fail to act, to appoint other persons from among the citizens of Pitt County.
Item It is my wish and will that negroes Oliver Senr and Prissy be permitted to live on Lot Eighty one without being hired out. That they may attend and serve my two sons when not at school.
Item It is my wish and will that my executors, sell at private or public sale my steam mill property, my houses and lots in the town of Greenville not devised, my Plank Road stock, my Land bought of James M. BELL in South Carolina, and the James HARDEE Land, John HARDEE Land, Isaac HARDEE Land, the Peter tract on Great Swamp, the Johnny SPAIN tract and the Winney LOUIS tract all in Pitt County, my interest in the Raccoon Creek Sein-haul. It is my will that my executors carry on my farms for two years after my death, then that the division among the negroes and other property shall take place.
tem It is my wish and will that the trustee to my children be and is hereby empowered to change the character of the property bequeathed to my children by sale or exchange, and invest the proceeds in good Bank, State, or other securities, or other real and personal property whenever by any change in the conditions, situation, residence, or other like circumstances of any of my children such a sale, or exchange would be to their interest. And whenever any of the said property given in trust, shall devolve upon the issue of my said children it is my wish and will that their said trustee shall convey by deed upon the death of said child its share of property, to his or her issue. Lot Eightyone I intend for William and James Edgar jointly and not to Edgar alone as devised in item first. I appoint my son in law Wm. A. Jenkins and my friend C. C. PERKINS my executors.

Jas. S. CLARK

Signed, published, and declared, to be his last will and testament, by his testator in our presence who at his request and in his presence do attest the same this ___ day of January
One Thousand Eight Hundred and sixty.
Jas. Jno. DANCY
Chas. ROUNTREE"

Will of John McGOWEN

Pitt County, 1868. Taken from Pitt County Wills and Testaments, Book 1, Pitt County Courthouse, Greenville, NC. Contributed by Roger Kammerer.

"Last Will & Testament of John McGOWEN Decd.
I, John McGOWEN of the County of Pitt and State of North Carolina being of sound mind and memory, but considering the uncertainty of my earthly existence, do make and ordain this my last Will and Testament in manner and form following, to-wit:
First That my Executors herein after named shall provide for my body a decent burial, suitable to the wishes of my relations and friends, and pay all funeral expenses, together with all my first debts, howsoever and whomsoever owing out of the monies that may first come into their hands as a part or parcel of my estate.
Item 1st I give and devise to my beloved wife Catherine L. McGOWEN thirty five acres of land more or less, in the North east end of the tract or tracts of land whereon I now live; to be set apart by the following metes or bounds, to wit: Beginning at a plum tree on the South side of the main road leading from Greenville to Washington, running near South to a Spring ditch, with Said ditch to a leading ditch, then

near East with the leading ditch to the fence, then to the North east corner of the LEGGETT land, then North to Arden HATTON's line to the fork of the Road, then near West West up the Road to the beggining; so as to include my Mansion House, all out houses, and other improvements except one plank barn house; to have and to hold to her the said Catherine L. McGOWEN for and during the term of her natural life in satisfaction for and in lieu of her dower and thirds of and in all my real Estate. The excepted plank barn house, I will and and bequeath to my son George A McGOWEN .

Item 2nd I give and bequeath to my beloved wife Catherine L. McGOWEN , one bed, and furniture, one Sow and pigs, one Cow and Calf, eight bushels Wheat, twenty barrels Corn, one Stack of Fodder, all the Chairs, all the Crockery ware and Cooking utensils and Kitchen furniture, and one hundred and fifty dollars in current money. I also bequeath to my wife Catherine L. McGOWEN (500) five hundred pounds of Green Pork. And during her widowhood I bequeath to her one Press and two tables.

Item 3rd I give and devise to my beloved son George A. McGOWEN , thirty five acres or tract of land devised to my beloved wife Catherine L. McGOWEN during her her natural life in Item 1st to have and to hold after her demise unto him, his heirs and assigns.

Item 4th I give and devise to my beloved son Lemuel McGOWEN the tract or parcel of land, Known as the "MOORE land," lying on the North side of Great Swamp, adjoining the lands of Henry HARRINGTON, Stanly MOORE and others, and Containing ninety acres, more or less, to have and to hold unto him, his heirs and assigns.

Item 5th I give and devise to my four sons Wm McGOWEN , Lemuel McGOWEN , Arch D. McGOWEN and George A. McGOWEN , the tract or parcel of land Known as the LEGGETT land adjoining the lands of Geo. A. McGOWEN and Arden HATTON respectively on the West and on the East, and bounded on the North by the dower land mentioned in Item 1st Containing (58) fifty eight acres more or less to have and to hold unto them respectively, their heirs and assigns.

Item 6th I give and bequeath to my three sons Wm McGOWEN , Lemuel McGOWEN and George A. McGOWEN , the tract or parcel of land Known as the ROGERS land adjoining the lands of Polly ROGERS, Lemuel McGOWEN and others, and containing (96) ninety six acres more or less, to have and to hold unto them, their heirs and assigns.

Item 7th I give and bequeath all Household and Kitchen furniture, not previously disposed in any preceding item, to my son George A. McGOWEN , to have and to hold unto him, his heirs and assigns.

Item 8th It is my will and desire that the remainder of my stock, not covered by or disposed of, by preceding items, consisting of Horses, Cattle, Sheep and Hogs, and the remainder of provisions on hand at my demise as Corn, Fodder, Rye, Wheat, Bacon, Pork, Lard &c, and also all farming Utensils, Waggons, Carts, Gear and Leather, and the remainder of Cotton on hand at my demise, Shall be Sold at public Sale by my Executors in a reasonable time after my demise in manner and form according to Law for Cash.

Item 9th It is my will and desire, that the residue of my moneyed funds, after the provisions of the second clause of my last Will & Testament Commencing "First", are carried out, shall be distributed & equally to my four sons William, Lemuel, Arch D. and George A McGOWEN respectively, to have and to hold unto them their heirs & assigns.

Item 10th It is my will and desire that my Executors shall as Speedily as Compatible and proper with the forms and processes of Law, proceed to Collect all debts and Claims due me by Note, Account or any other form. And after a full Settlement of all debts against my Estate, pay the residue of remainder that may be left to my four sons equally. Share for Share, William, Lemuel, Arch. D. and George A. McGOWNS, to have, and to hold unto them their heirs & assigns.

Lastly I do hereby Constitute and Appoint my son William McGOWEN and my trusty friend William A. BERNARD my lawful Executors to all intents and purposes to execute this my last Will and Testament according to the true intent and meaning of the same and every part and clause thereof.

In witness whereof I hereunto set my hand and Seal this the twentieth day of January A. D. 1868

Signed, Sealed, published and declared by the said Jno McGOWEN to be his last Will and Testament in the presence of us who at his request and in his presence do Subscribe our names as Witnesses thereto

John (his X mark) McGOWEN {Seal}

N. D. COOPER
Arden HATTON

A paper writing purporting to be the last will and testament of John MCGOWAN decd. is exhibited for probate in Court by Wm MCGOWANS one of the executors therein named and the due execution thereof by the said John MCGOWEN is proved by the oath and examination of Nashville COOPER one of the subscribing witnesses thereto. It is therefore considered by the Court, that the said paper writing and every part thereof is the last will and testament of the said John MCGOWAN and the same is ordered to be recorded and filed. And thereupon the said Wm MCGOWAN one of the executors as aforesaid duly qualified as such by taking the oath required by law. William A. BERNARD the other executor named by said John MCGOWAN in his last will and testament, renounces his right to qualify as Co executor to same. G. A. DANCY Clerk"

Blount Marriage in France

Daily Reflector, Greenville, NC, Mon., Sept. 17, 1923.

Paris, France, Sept. 17....The wedding has just been celebrated in Brussels of Mademoiselle Refugio Henriette Desesgualx de Nolet, step-daughter and daughter of Mr. and Mrs. D. L. BLOUNT, and Mr. Leon de Waele, Consul general of Belguim without post and director of the Guaranty Trust Company of New York in Belguim. The witness for the bride was H. R. H. the Infanta Eulalla of Spain, who was represented by Senor Pedro Saura, Consul of Spain in Brussels, while Baron de Cartier de Marchienne, Belgian ambassador in Washington, acted as witnesses for the bridegroom. The bride's gown was of white crepe marocain embroidered with pearls, the head dress was a white russian bandeau and the train was a fine piece of Duchesse lace. Among the guests were the Ambassador of Spain in Belguim and the Marquise de Villalobary de Guimarey the minister of Mexico in Belguim and Mrs. Efren de Rebolledo, the American Commercial Attache in Belguim and Richard Edward BLOUNT. The latter was born at BLOUNT'S Hall, near Greenville. He is brother of Mrs. J. DAVIS and a cousin of Mrs. W. I. SKINNER of 430 Fifth street. He is also a cousin of Mrs. Agnes BLOUNT, of Ayden. D. L. BLOUNT is a nephew of Mrs. BLACKWELL with whom he visited Mrs. SKINNER and Mrs. DAVIS in Greenville last June. He is now United States trade commissioner without post.

Runaway Marriage

Eastern Reflector, Fri., Oct. 12, 1900.

On last Saturday afternoon Mr. Ed. HARRIS and Miss Rosa MANNING, both of Beaver Dam township, were married. The bride is only about 15 or 16 years old. It was a runaway marriage. It seems that the license for the marriage was procured Friday, the applicant for them representing that the girl was twenty years old. Her father seemed to anticipate that she and Harris were going to try to get married and he came to town Saturday to prevent any license being issued, but found out that he was a day too late. He then hurried an officer back home to prevent the marriage taking place, but found that he was too late again, as while he was in town the young man went after the girl and took her to a neighbor's where they were married.

Marriage in High Life

Eastern Reflector, Fri., Jan. 26, 1900.

Not many weeks ago Register of Deeds MOORE issued a marriage license for Mr. James W. SUTTON to wed Miss ANNIE GODLEY, both parties lived in Chicod township. The groom-elect took the license home to have ready for the wedding, but somebody who wanted to stop the marriage stole the document from him before the day arrived, and the marriage could not take place on schedule time. Not to be outdone in the matter, but still not wishing to run the risk of having another license stolen from him, Mr. SUTTON came to Greenville today and brought his bride elect with him, several friends also accompanying them. They went to the office of the Register and applied in person for the license. This being procured they called on Justice of the Peace H. HARDING to make them man and wife. By this time the number had grown so large that none of the offices in the building would accomodate them, so the crowd repaired to the court room up stairs where the ceremony was duly performed. There were fully a hundred people present to witness the marriage.

Obituaries from Martin County

Contributed by Roger Kammerer.

Jas. L. WHITEHURST Passes Sunday at Cross Roads Home
Weekly Herald, Robersonville, NC, Wed., March 11, 1936
Mr. James L. WHITEHURST, well known farmer of this county, died at his home in Cross Roads Township at 1 o'clock Sunday afternoon following a stroke of paralysis suffered while on a visit to Williamston a day or two before. He had been in ill health for some time, but was able to be up until he was stricken last week. Mr. WHITEHURST, 74 years old, was born and reared in Pitt County, son of the late William and Jane CARSON WHITEHURST, of that county. About 15 years ago he moved to Martin and continued to farm. Mr. WHITEHURST was highly respected, and was a gentleman of the old school. The following children survive: L. O. WHITEHURST and E. J. WHITEHURST, of Stokes; Mrs. Archie DAVENPORT, of Bethel; Mrs. Eunice MATTHEWS, of Parmele, and Mrs. Yydian CLARK, of Stokes. Funeral services were conducted at the late home Monday afternoon at 2: 30 o'clock by Rev. L. B. MANNING, Free Will Baptist minister. Burial was in the Robersonville New Cemetery.

Ben JENKINS Dies At Home Near Leens Monday
Weekly Herald, Robersonville, NC, Wed., May 6, 1936
Ben JENKINS, prominent farmer, died at his home near Leens last Monday evening at 7: 40 o'clock, following an illness of several years duration. His condition was not considered critical, however, until a comparatavely short time before his death, which was attributed to a complication of ailments. Fifty years old, Mr. JENKINS was born in Pitt County and lived there all his life. He was well known here, where he did business nearly all his life with local firms. He was a reliable citizen, and held the respect and esteem of all in the community where he lived and died. He had proved himself dependable in advancing the religious activities and material progress of his section, and made friends of all with whom he came in contact.

Final Rites For Henry T. BROWN
Weekly Herald, Robersonville, NC, Wed., Oct. 21, 1936.
Henry T. BROWN, 86, died at his home near here Thursday after an illness of 10 years' duration. Funeral services were held at the home Friday afternoon, with Rev. C. B. MASHBURN, pastor of the Farmville Christian church in charge. Rev. E. J. PERRY, pastor of the local Christian church, and Rev. E. C. SHOE, pastor of the Baptist church, paid tribute to the memory of the deceased. Burial was in the family cemetery. Ten of Mr. BROWN'S grandsons acted as pall-bearers. The esteem in which he was held was attested by the unusually large crowd which, although confronted by a heavy downpour of rain, assembled to pay their final respects and by the numerous beautiful floral gifts presented by friends and relatives. Alexander and Rebecca BROWN, ancestors of Mr. BROWN, came to America from England in 1760 and settled in New Jersey. Alexander served as a soldier in the Revolutionary War. Mr. BROWN'S grandparents emigrated to North Carolina in 1818 and made their home in Martin County. Mr. Brown was known as a good husband, father, neighbor and friend. He was unselfish in character and very charitable and loyal in his support of education. On November 30, 1871, he married Isabella WHICHARD, who died in 1879. Three children of this union survive, Mrs. G. T. JOHNSON, and Mrs. S. T. WOOLARD, of Robersonville, and C. H. Brown, of Rocky Mount. His second marriage in 1881 to Arsena WHICHARD was terminated by her death in 1895. Six children of this union survive: Mrs. Thomas HOUSE and Mrs. J. R. WINSLOW, of Robersonville; Mrs. Reuben TAYLOR, of Bethel; Mrs. M. H. NOBLES, of Greenville; J. T. BROWN, of Portsmouth; and Oscar BROWN, of Baltimore. On July 22, 1896, he married Lavenia MOORE. To this union was born one son, Raymond BROWN. Besides the widow and 10 children he is survived by 28 grandchildren, 13 great-grandchildren, and a host of other relatives and friends.

W. K. WOOLARD Died At Home in Stokes
Weekly Herald, Robersonville, NC, Wed., Jan. 1, 1936.
Funeral services for W. K. WOOLARD, 78 year old prominent Stokes citizen, who died last Friday night, were conducted from the home Sunday afternoon at 2 o'clock. Interment was made in the burying ground near the home. Services were conducted by Rev. Warren DAVIS, of Washington, a former pastor, and Rev. Mr. HUDSON, of Roanoke Rapids, present pastor of the deceased. Mr. WOOLARD, prominent and large land owner of the Stokes community, was a charter member of the Oak Grove Christian church. He had been a member of that church for approximately 60 years and was the oldest living member of the church. He served on the board of deacons for a number of years and took an active part in all affairs of the community and was highly respected by all who knew him. He is survived by his wife, Mrs. Minnie Gertrude WOOLARD; one son, J. H. WOOLARD of Greenville; three daughters, Mrs. W. T. WARREN and Mrs. J. A. CRANDELL of Stokes, and Mrs. Brown HARDISON, of Aurora.

J. K. ROSS Dies After Long Illness
Weekly Herald, Robersonville, NC, Wed., June 30, 1937.
J. K. ROSS, one of this section's oldest and most highly respected citizens, died at his home here early last Friday morning following a long period of declining health. He was confined to his bed for more than two weeks before his death, his conditions being critical during most of that time. Infirmities of age and complications contributed to his death. Mr. ROSS was the son of the late J. R. and Margaret E. ROSS, members of prominent Pitt County families. They moved to this county soon after their marriage many years ago and settled here. Mr. ROSS was born 78 years ago. For a long number of years he was engaged in the merchantile business here, but for some time prior to his death he devoted his time to farming. Despite his advanced age, he was unusually active until his health began to fail him several months ago. Although not a member of any church, he attended the Primitive Baptist services regularly, contributing freely and doing much work of a religious nature. He was widely and favorably known and held the high esteem of neighbors and numerous other friends throughout this section. Mrs. ROSS with one, Hugh ROSS, of Philadelphia, survives. He also leaves one brother, Mr. J. C. ROSS, the last of a family of eight children. Funeral services were conducted at the late home last Sunday afternoon at 2: 30 o'clock by Elder J. L. ROSS, of the Primitive Baptist church, and Rev. E. C. SHOE, local Baptist minister, and Rev. R. N. FITTS, of the Methodist church here. Interment was in the Whitfield cemetery, near here.

Mrs. E. L. WILLIAMS Died Sunday
Weekly Herald, Robersonville, NC, Wed., Feb. 5, 1936
Mrs. Esther L. WILLIAMS, one of the county's oldest and most highly respected citizens, died at the home of her daughter, Mrs. Hyman WARREN, near here, Monday. Mrs. WILLIAMS was 85 years old, and infirmities of old age and complications caused her death. The daughter of the late Dandy DAVENPORT and wife, Mrs. WILLIAMS was born and reared in Pitt County, but had lived in this county for many years. Funeral services were conducted from the late home Tuesday afternoon by Rev. James M. PERRY, local minister. Burial followed in the family plot on the Lloyd WARREN farm. Mrs. WILLIAMS leaves two children, Mrs. WARREN and Basker BELL. She also leaves five grandchildren, 13 great-grandchildren, and 3 great-great-grandchildren.

Fearful Crime Committed
Washington Progress, Tues., Nov. 15, 1887.

Mr. George VENTERS, living near the Beaufort county line in Pitt county, reports to the Reflector the details of a fearful crime committed near his home on Saturday night last. We clip from the above paper. "Fire was set to a house in which a colored man named George WILLIAMS was asleep. The man was not aroused until the house fell in on him, and though he managed to escape from the building he was so fearfully burned that he died Sunday. Suspicion of the burning pointed to Essex BEST, colored, and after being arrested he acknowledged setting fire to the house and said that Godfrey ELKS, a white man to whom the house belonged hired him to do the act. The house was insured, and BEST said that is why it was burned. He also said he thought the man eho was burned was off from home. ELKS and BEST are both under arrest.

Gum Swamp Free Will Baptist Church Membership Lists

Two original membership lists from 1845 and 1851 for the Gum Swamp Free Will Baptist Church in Pitt County are found in Collection #3988, Rare Book, Manuscript, & Special Collections Library, William R. Perkins Library, Duke University, Durham, NC. Contributed by Allen Churchill. Bracketed notes are by the editor. It is interesting to note that the names appear in the same order in both lists and several women apparently got married by the second list.

1845

"Meetting held at Gumswap on Saturday before the fourth Lord in June 1845 for the purpos of arrainging the Buisness of the Church the following members Covenanted Togeather under the former Rules of the free will Baptise Connexion to wit

Elder RUFF 1
Jos. S. BELL 2
Benjamin POLLARD 3
Robert PARKER 4
Joshua HARRELL 5
Godfrey STANCILL 6
John MOORE 7
William MAY 8
Turner POLLARD 9
Batson WHITUS 10
R K HEARN 11
H G PARKER 12
Moses ROBERSON 13
Theofilus BULLOCK 14
William PARKER 15
Jackson CORBIT 16
Dred A WARREN 17
John PROCTOR 18
Gaskin HATTAWAY 19
William S COBB 20
Wilie BULLOCK 21
Jesse RANDOPH 22
Kinchin CLARK 23

Rufus K. HEARN

Allen J. CORBET Eld

Hardy G. PARKER

Nancy CLARK 1 [crossed out]
Rebecca FULFORD 2
M_____ NORRIS 3 [crossed out]
Margret POLLARD 4
Sely MEAX 5
Marenda PARKER 6
Holly COGGINS 7
Louisa POLLARD 8
Malinda NORRIS 9 [crossed out]
Martha CARSON 10
Lidia BRADY 11
Jinny JENKINS 12
Vinia MOORE 13
Lotta POLLARD 14
Margret STANCILL 15
Absley LOACH 16
Polley MAY 17
Mary TEEL 18
Elizabeth POLLARD 19
Winny MEAX 20
Fanny TEEL 21
Sally WOMBLE 22
Fanny SIKES 23
Rutha TEEL 24
Sarah WINDHAM 25
Trisnice JOHNSON 26
Fariby EDWARDS 27
Phiby POLLARD 28
Polly R TEEL 29 [crossed out]
Rebecca BRILEY 29
Polly POLLARD 30
Francis A BARNHILL 32
Martha POLLARD 33
Penettia TEEL 34
Susan MOORE 35

Polly R TEELL 36
Elizabeth WARREN 37
Alvana SPAIN 38
Chrischanah SPAIN 39
Susan ROBERSON 40
Sally an FULFORD 41 [crossed out]
Lusetta HEARN 42
Martha LOACH 43
Rachel STANCILL 44
Matilda POLLARD 45
Sarah Jane WOMBLE 46
Elizabeth CLARK 47 [crossed out]
Jane CLARK 48 [crossed out]
Lueaser RANDOLPH 49
Loueasor CLARK 49 [crossed out]
Rebeccer BULLOCK 50
Clary GUATNEY 51
Elizabeth CORBIT 52
Sally A BULLOCK 53
Loueasor COBB 54
Polly JOHNSON 53
Arsinah RANDOLPH 54
Saly an SPAIN 55
Rutha WARREN 56
Winny MATHIS 57
Patsey SPAIN 58
Patsy FULFORD 59
Rebecer DAVIS 60
Louisar MAYO 61
Annah HATHAWAY 62
Parmy CLARK 63

the Church List that belongs at Gumswap Joseph S BELL Cl"

1851

"Meeting held at Gumswamp on Saturday before the fourth Lords day in December 1851
For the purpos of arranging the business of the Church the following members Convened together under the former rules of the free will Baptist Cornection to wit

Elder RUFF 1 [crossed out]
Joseph. S BELL 2
Benjamin POLLARD 3
Robert PARKER 4
Joshua HARREL 5
John MOORE 6 [crossed out]
William MAYO 7
Turner POLLARD 8
Batson WHITUS 9
Rufus K HEARN 10
Hardy G PARKER 11
Moses ROBERSON 12
Theofilus BULLOCK 13
William PARKER 14 [crossed out]

Rebecca FULFORD 1
Margret POLLARD 2
Sely MEEKS 3
Maranda PARKER 4
Holly COGGINS 5
Louisa POLLARD 6 [crossed out]
Matha CARSON 7
Lidia BRADDY 8
Jenny JENKINS 9
Vina MOOR 10
Lotta POLLARD 11
Margret STANCILL 12
Absley LOACH 13
Polly MAYO 14

Allen J CORBIT 15 [crossed out]
Dred A WARREN 16
John PROCTOR 17
Gaskin HATTERWAY 18
William S COBB 19 [crossed out]
Wiley BULLOCK 20 [crossed out]
Jesse RANDOPH 21
Kinchin CLARK 22
William RANDOLPH 23 [crossed out]
James A CLARK 24
John CLARK 25
Richard M MOOR 26 [crossed out]
Bithel COGGIN 27
William A WOMBLE 28
Benjamin TEEL 29
Enock POLLARD 30
Featherston SPAIN 31
Henry STANCILL 32
Moses TEEL 33
Joseph BRADDY 34

Mary TEEL 15
Elizabeth POLLARD 16
Winny MEAKS 17 [crossed out]
Fanny TEEL 18
Sarah WOMBLE 19
Fanny SIKES 20 [crossed out]
Rutha TEEL 21
Sarah WINDHAM 22
Trisnia JOHNSON 23
Ferby EDWARDS 24
Phiby POLLARD 25
Rebecer BRILEY 26
Polly POLLARD 27
Francis A BARNHILL 28
Martha POLLARD 29
Fenettia TEEL 30
Susan MEEKS 31
Mary R TEEL 32 [crossed out]
Elizabeth WARREN 33
Alvania SPAIN 34 [crossed out]
Chrischana SPAIN 35 [crossed out]
Susan ROBERSON 36
Sally an BULLOCK 37
Lusetta HEARN 38
Martha LOACH 39
Rachel STANCILL 40
Matilda POLLARD 41
Sarah J WOMBLE 42
Elizabeth CORBIT 43 [crossed out]
Loueaser RANDOLPH 44 [crossed out]
Loueasor COBB 45 [crossed out]
Rebeccer BULLOCK 46
Clary GUARTNEY 47
Arcena RANDOLPH 48
Saly an SPAIN 49
Rutha WARREN 50 [crossed out]
Winny MATHIS 51
Patsey SPAIN 52
Patsey FULFORD 53
Rebecer DAVIS 54
Louiser MAYO 55
Annah HATTERWAY 56
Parma CLARK 57
Jane CLARK 58
Gracy STATON 59
S_____SPAIN 57 [crossed out]
Alvania BULLOCK 57
Arcena RANDOLPH 58
Mary R CORBIT 60 [crossed out]
Susan NAURIS 61
Anza MOOR [crossed out] BRADLEY 62
Luizer CLARK 63
Bithe SPENCER 64
Susan DELOACH 65

Elizabeth POLLARD 66
Elassa MOOR 67
Rebecer CLARK 67
Polly DELOACH 68
Polly COGGINS 69
Anny CLARK 70
Jane TEEL 71 [crossed out]
Sally LATHAM 72
Melvina POLLARD 73
Margret J SPAIN 74
Jilian PRIGGIN 75
Sally PARKER 76
Sally SPAIN 77
Chrischana JACKSON 77
Lurania MOOR 78
Susan MOOR 79
Sary M_____ [crossed out]"

Jolly Old Field and Centresville.
New Bern Weekly Journal, Nov. 6, 1884

Johnson's Mills, Oct. 28, 1884.

Mr. Editor: —I will in this letter give you my promised sketch of Jolly Old Field and Centresville.

The first impression on hearing the name of Jolly Old Field is that some time in the past this has been a place of public resort and that a jolly good time was had, hence the name. Tradition hath it though, that the lands were once owned by a man by the name of JOLLY, from which the name is taken.

Jolly Old Field is the most important of any of the landings on the Neuse or Moccasin rivers excepting Kinston and probably Snow Hill, more produce being shipped from here and good received in return than an any of the other on the rivers with the exceptions named.

The Neuse and Trent River Steamboat Company have built, at considerable expense, a large and commodious warehouse and wharf at this place and I hear that the "Red Line," as it is usually called, intend in the near future to build a warehouse at this place for the convenience of their customers.

Mr. J. E. SPIER and Major SMITH are the merchants at this place, the latter dealing in "appetizers," exclusively, while the former keeps a nice little selection of groceries, with the "appetizers," also.

The writer saw, a few years ago, a gentleman on a tour of inspection in the interest of the W. & W. Railroad who told him that if the Neuse was navigable for steamers to the mouth of Moccasin river his company would build a branch road to the mouth of said river. Such is now the case, for although we are in the midst of one of the driest spells we have had for a number of years, the boats make their regular trips to Jolly Old Field. Gentlemen, we are now ready for your railroad, and you could hardly find a more productive country than it would pass through.

Two miles north of Jolly Old Field is Centresville, a handsome little town of fifty or sixty inhabitants, with two general supply stores, one drug store and one millinery store, a steam gin and carriage shop. The Disciples have a beautiful church in the village, proper, while near by the Episcopalians have a very nice church.

The merchants in Centresville do a very extensive business, one of them, Mr. J. W. QUINERLY, buying cotton to the amount of 150 bales last season, besides a large quantity of rice and other products of the farm. I don't know the amount of produce handled by J. P. QUINERLY & Co., but suffice to say it is considerable. Dr. William BEST has long been the practicing physician for the village and surrounding country. He has lately associated with him Dr. Benjamin Best in the practice of medicine and pharmacology.

The Centresville Male and Female Academy is located near this place. This school is now thoroughly established and under the management at present of Mr. J. D. MILLER, a graduate of the University of North Carolina. Its fifth session opened last August with an attendance of about eighty students. Near the Academy is the general supply store of Mr. Fred HARDING who is an experience merchant, having been engaged in the business for a long time. At Hanrahan's, four miles above, a little place just building into villagehood is a general supply store, steam gin and grist mill, flour mill, etc.

Near the latter place is the vineyard of Mr. Warren McLAWHORN. This, though an infant industry with Mr. McLAWHORN, is paying him a handsome profit, and I predict but the entering wedge to a more extended grape culture in the near future. Mr. McLAWHORNhas samples of his wine on exhibition at the Exposition.

All these places of business enumerated in this and my first letter ship their produce and get their supplies via Jolly Old Field and in a low stage of the water as at present the merchants of Hookerton, Scuffleton and Snow Hill do likewise. —J.

Bible Records

Whichcot White Bible

This bible, date and publisher unknown, was owned by Mrs. W. H. Deppe of Pollocksville, NC and transcribed by Tucker R. Littleton of Swansboro, NC in 1961. Contributed by Roger Kammerer..

Marriages
Whichcot White married Rachel Swan January 9, 1820.
Whichcot White married Cassandra White June 15, 1828.
LeRoy M. White married Sarah W. Simmons on December 22 1842.
Richard T. Berry married Mary F. White on March 10, 1857.
Edward Thomas Berry married Susan Jasper Rue on October 10, 1883.
Florence E. Berry married Walter Fulford on March 26, 1890.
E. J. White married Mary C. Berry May 20, 1926.

Births
Whichcot White, son of Nancy and Whichcot White, was born November 24, 1793.
Rachel Swan, daughter of Elizabeth and Ephriam Swan, was born November 2, 1795.
Cassandra White, daughter of James A. White, was born March 17, 1802.
Le Roy M.White, son of Rachel and Whichcot White, was born November 12, 1820.
Reubin Thomas White, son of Rachel and Whichcot White, was born January 26, 1824.
Sarah Ann, daughter of Mary F. and Richard T. Berry, died July 30, 1861.
Samuel Chapman, son of Mary F. and Richard T. Berry, died in Graham, N. C., on July 22, 1863.
James, son of Mary F. and Richard T. Berry, died in Graham, N. C., on August 5, 1864.
Whichcot White, son of Nancy and Whichcot White, died 1868.
James Berry, son of Mary F. and Richard T. Berry, was born March 8, 1861.
Samuel Chapman, son of Mary F. and Richard T. Berry, was born in Graham, N. C. on November 19, 1860.
Mary C. Berry, daughter of Mary F. and Richard T. Berry, was born November 30, 1864.
Florence E. Berry, daughter of Mary F. and Richard T. Berry, was born in New Bern, N. C. on November 2, 1866.
Edward Thomas White, son of Cassandra and Whichcot White, was born January 1, 1837.
Lewis White, son of Nancy and Whichcot White, was born May 31, 1798.
Edward Thomas Berry, son of Mary F. and Richard T. Berry, was born February 6, 1858.
Sarah Wadsworth Simmons, daughter of Sarah and William Simmons, was born February 15, 1827.
Nancy Morris White, daughter of Thomas White, was born October 2, 1834.
Rachel Francis White, daughter of Nancy and LeRoy White, born February 4, 1851.
Sarah Ann Berry, of Mary F. and Richard T. Berry, was born November 17, 1859.

Deaths
Rachel, wife of Whichcot White, died February 26, 1826.
Reubin Thomas White, son of Rachel and Whichcot White, died December 12, 1823.
Haywood Oliver White, son of Rachel and Whichcot White, died February 5, 1824.
Edward S. S. White, son of Rachel and Whichcot White, died August 8, 1825.
Edward Thomas White, son of Cassandra and Whichcot White, died September 27, 1834.
Sarah W. White, wife of LeRoy White, died March 4, 1844.
Lewis White, son of Nancy and Whichcot White, died August 10, 1851.
Thomas White, son of Nancy and Whichcot White, died November 2, 1841.
Cassandra White, wife of Whichcot White, died August 18, 1867.

The J. H. Stocks Bible

This bible, Hertzel's New Stanadard Alphabetically Indexed Bible, was published in 1924 in Chicago by the John A. Hertzel Company. The bible is owned by Mrs. Margarite Stocks Sutton of Ayden, NC. Contributed by Brenda Davis Stocks.

Name	Date of Birth	Date of Marriage	Date of Death
J. H. Stocks	Sept. 8, 1874	Mar. 1900	June 11, 1953
Pet Stocks (Cox)	October 22, 1876	Mar. 1900	April 18, 1941
Eddie Lee Cox	April 31, 1899		
Elva Stox	Dec. 29, 1901		
Elizabeth Stox	Feb. 5, 1903		
Luther Stox	Jan. 25, 1904	Nov. 1928	
Lathan Stox	Dec. 22, 1905	Nov. 1929	
Herman Stox	Dec. 27, 1907	Oct. 24, 1932	
Eula Stocks	Nov. 7, 1910	Dec. 1928	
L. Marie Stox	Jan. 13, 1912		
Clara Stox	Feb. 22, 1913		
Adell Stox	April 13, 1915		
Pauline Stox	July 3, 1917		
Jean Stox	Jan. 3, 1919		
Wilmer L. Stox	Aug. 2, 1920		
Jessie Cox	Aug. 22, 1896		Nov. 30/21
Infant Daug.	Sept. 1909		Sept. 1909
Margarite	Born Feb. 27, 1933		

The Jesse? Noble Slave Record

From the vertical file, NC Archives: Pitt Co., 1828–1864. Copied and contributed by Roger Kammerer. Documents such as this are of immense importance to black genealogy, and very difficult to locate.

Simon was born 7th September 1837

Ann's children:
Meriah was born 1st July 1828
Violet was born 7th March 1830
Caroline was born 12th May 1832
Elive or Eline? was born 14th November 1833
Daniel was born 3rd December 1835
Hannah was born 4th December 1837
Reuben was born 27th September (Friday) 1839
Arch was born 10th November 1840 Tuesday morn
Hollon was born 2nd October 1842 Sunday Evening
Susan was born 5th August 1844 Monday
John was born Friday 24th July 1846
Hariet was born Sunday night 9th April 1848
Jim May was born Thursday 16th May 1850

Bill was born 13th December 1835
Sam was born 18th November 1838. Sunday

Grizel's children:
Betsy Jane was born 13th April 1842
Mary Ann was born Sunday 25th February 1844
Charles was born 9th January 1849 Tuesday
Martha was born 7th June 1853 Tuesday
Ben was born 17th August 1855 Friday
Sam was born 25th April 1857 Saturday
Sidney was born 24th July 1859. Sunday night

Violet's children:
York was born 24th May 1845 Saturday night
Amanda was born 22 November 1846 Sunday
Bryan was born 29th July 1848 Saturday
Joe was born 12th February 1850 Tuesday
Julia Ann was born 22nd December 1851 Monday
dead Lewis was born 24th April 1843 Sunday
Alice was born 31st March 1855 Saturday
Nancy was born 11th April 1857 Saturday
dead Adaline was born 15th September 1859 Thursday
Luvany was born Wednesday morning 24th Oct. 1860
Lewis was born Saturday night 13th September 1862

Hannah's children:
Daniel was born 4th September 1858 (Saturday)
Heneretta was born 4th January 1860 (Friday)
Rigdon was born friday 15th January 1864

Esther's children:
Lewis born 15th Sept. 1851 (in Pitt)
Frances was born 6th December 1852 (in Brunswick)
William was born 23rd August 1856 (in Brunswick)
dead Ella was born 25th June 1859 (Saturday) Pitt
Lizzie was born 1 of Oct. 1860 (Monday night 8 o clock)

Susan's children's ages—
George was born Tuesday morning 29th Nov. 1859
Stephen was born Saturday night 29th March 1862

Harriets children:
Louisa was born Sunday 28 December 1862
Sarah was born Friday 12th February 1864

Jane's children's ages—
Gaston was born (Sunday) 27th January 1861

Mary Ann's children—
dead Shade was born Wednesday morning 19th Feb. 1862
Mary Eda was born Wednesday morning 25th March 1863

Amanda's children—
Dick was born 8th March 1863 (Sunday Evening)

James Reuben Ross Bible

These records were printed in the *Enterprise*, "Tobacco Edition," Williamston, NC., 1969. At that time the Bible was in the possession of Mrs. W. C. (Della Ross) James of Greenville, Pitt Co., now deceased. James Reuben Ross was born and reared in Pitt County, but moved to Martin Co., NC. Contributed by Elizabeth Ross.

James R. Ross, born December 17, 1828, died December 4, 1900
Margaret Coburn Ross, born June 1, 1832, died June 15, 1906
William B. Ross, born October 17, 1853
Margaret E. Ross, born March 15, 1856
James K. Ross, born March 6, 1859
Stephen L. Ross, born February 18, 1861
Samuel H. Ross, born July 10, 1863
Harriett C. Ross, born March 6, 1869
John L. Ross, born February 20, 1866
John T. Ross, born April 28, 1872

Marriages
James R. Ross and Margaret Ross, his wife, were married November 16, 1852
John T. Ross and wife, Minnie, were married on December 29, 1909, at 4:00 o'clock p.m. The Rev. M. T. Lawrence officiated and it was a cold day.

Births
James R. Ross was born December 17, 1828
Margaret Ross, his wife, was born June 1, 1832

John T. Ross and Minnie:
Margeret and Hattie Ross, daughters of John and Minnie Ross, born September 11, 1910
Della U. Ross, born February 4, 1914
Minnie Ross, born July 4, 1886

[Note: the following 7 entries are duplications]
William B. Ross, son of above parents, was born October 17, 1863
James K. Ross was born March 6, 1859
Stephen L. Ross was born February 7, 18__
Samuel H. Ross was born July 10, 1863
John L. Ross was born February 20, 1866
Harriett C. Ross was born March 6, 1869
John T. Ross was born April 28, 1872

Deaths
After an illness of one month, J. R. Ross died December 4, 1900, at 10:00 a.m. Buried in family graveyard at his place of abode December 5 at 3:00 p.m. Services were held at grave by Elder J. D. Roberson, a Primitive Baptist divine.

Maggie E. Ross, wife of S. L. Ross, died July 29, 1903, at 11:00 o'clock a.m. Funeral service by M. T. Lawrence on July 30, 1:00 p.m. Buried the same day at family graveyard of W. G. Whitfield, her father.

S. H. Ross died February 16, 1904, at 3:00 p.m. Buried February 17. Services at grave by Mc. R. [P.?] Smith.

Margaret C. Ross, wife of J. R. Ross, died June 15, 1906. Buried in family graveyard on June 16. Service at the grave by M. P. Smith, with all his children present.

W. B. Ross died fourth

Vines -Tyson Family Bible

This bible, Daniel D. Smith Stereotype Edition, was published in 1820. This record was originally transcribed by George Fitts Tyson, Jr. Contributed via the internet by Judith Stell. Bracketed notes are by the editor. [Corrections later submitted by Ms. Stell have been made in this copy.]

Marriages
Samuel Vines & Mary Mays was married Mar 16, 1802
John King and Allie Vines was married Feb 13, 1823
Jacob Horn & Salley Vines was married Dec 18, 1828
James Wilkes & Nancy Vines was married Oct 29, 1829
Isaac Horn & Patsey Vines was married Jan 13, 1830
Lemuel Tison & Elizah Vines was married Oct 6, 1830
Jefsey Taylor & Betsey Vines was married Feb 27, 1830
James F. Williams & Clarey Vines was married Aug 25, 1836
Thomas J. Bulloc & Ann Vines was married Nov 17, 1836
Joshua Bullock & Emley Vines was married Nov 19, 1840
William J. Laughinghous & Ann Bullock was married Mar 27, 1845
Samuel Vines & Nancey Briley was married Feb 20, 1844
Samuel V. Tyson & Dicie Johnston was married Jan 14, 1864
Samuel Richard Tyson born Nov 12, 1871 married Carrie M. Fitts born Jul 31, 1879 daughter of Mr. & Mrs. George C. Fitts
Samuel V. Tyson died Oct 4, 1898
George Fitts Tyson son of Samuel Richard Tyson and Carrie Fitts Tyson born Nov 29, 1897 in Nashville, NC

Deaths
Salley Vines, daughter of Sam & Vellery [Mary]Vines died Oct 13, 1819
Adaline Vines daughter of Sam & Vellery [Mary]Vines died Oct 23, 1821
Girl Child daughter of Samuel Vines & Mary died Oct 21, 1825
Robert Williams Vines son of Samuel & Mary died Aug 9, 1827
Mary Vines wife of Samuel Vines died Oct 17, 1846
Nancy Wilkerson of J.P. Wilkerson daughter of Samuel & Mary Vines died Oct 26, 1853
Clarey Williams wife of James Williams, formerly Clarey Vines died Nov 8, 1857
W.J. Tyson died Aug 30, 1896 at age 47 years 9 mos
Thomas Jefferson Bullock died Jul 3, 1840 husband of Ann our daughter
John King died Jun 15, 1845, who was husband of Allie our daughter
Lemuel Tison died Sep 6, 1860 husband of our daughter Eliza
Samuel Vines died May 19, 1863 at 88 yrs of age
Eliza Tyson died Sep 8, 1872, wife of Lemuel Tyson, age 61 yrs, 7 mos. 23 days
Lemuel Tyson died Feb 15, 1873 son of Lemuel and Eliza Tyson, age 29 yrs, 9 days
Dicie Tyson died Aug 29, 1894, age 56 yrs, 9 mos, 19 days, wife of Sam Tyson

Births
Samuel Vines was born Aug 20, 1775
Mary Vines was born Oct 10, 1780
Name & Ages of Their Children:
Allie Vines was born Apr 17, 1803
Nancy Vines was born Jul 27, 1804
Salley Vines was born Apr 7, 1806
Polley Vines was born Dec 28, 1807
Patsey S. Vines was born Apr 27, 1809
Elizah Vines was born Jan 16, 1811
Robert Williams Vines born Jul 31, 1812

Elizabeth Vines was born Mar 21, 1814
Clary Vines was born Nov 19, 1815
Ann Vines was born Jun 20, 1817
Samuel Vines was born Feb 15, 1819
Emily Vines
Adaline Vines twins was born Aug 10, 1821 Anno Domini
Girl Child was born Sep 29, 1825

Thomas Jefferson Bullock son of Thomas J. Bullock & Ann Vines Bullock his widow was born Mar 4, 1841
Mary Tyson was born Nov 5, 1831
Allen Tyson was born Sep 11, 1833
Sherron Tyson was born Jul 7, 1835
Samuel V. Tyson was born May 16, 1837
Martha Tyson was born Apr 14, 1839
Joel Tyson was born Mar 11, 1841
Lemuel Tyson was born Mar 11, 1846
William Tyson was born Nov 24, 1848

Samuel V. Tyson b. May 16, 1837
Dicie his wife b. Nov 11, 1837
1st child Mary Adlade Tyson b. Oct 22, 1864
2nd child Dicie Olivia Tyson b. Feb 6, 1866
3rd child William Henry Tyson b. Nov 7, 1867
4th child Eliza Absley Tyson b. May 11, 1869
5th child Samuel Richard Tyson b. Nov 12, 1871
6th child Charles Robber Tyson b. Jul 19, 1874
7th child John Waller Tyson b. Oct 28, 1876

Johnsons Mills Items.
New Bern Weekly Journal, May 17, 1883.

Excursion of the colored people on the steamer *Neuse* to New Berne to attend the decoration exercises.

Frank BELL, the village blacksmith, presented the town with a book to record its court proceedings.

The late residence of Sam'l. SMITH, dec'd., near Centreville, was sold last Monday at the Court Hoouse door in Greenville by his Administrator for $1,325.

The farmers are badly behind with their operations. A good many have failed to get a stand of rice on account of sorry seed and are plowing up the land to plant again.

Bell's Ferry held its first municipal election last Monday. Ten votes were cast, one colored. F M. PITTMAN was elected Mayor, A. F. PITTMAN, W. B. HELLEN and Josh MANNING town commissioners.

Mr. A. W. ALLEN, a graduate of Chapel hill, is conducting a good school at Centreville Academy, The school will close on the 23d of this month with an address on education by Mr. Geo. WILSON of Kinston College.

The steamer *Trent* had proposed to give the whites an excursion to New Berne the 1st inst., but failed to put in an appearance for causes best known to the managers. Capt. IPOCK, of the *Cutler*, took the crowd down as far as the Cowpen landing. The boat was so badly crowded there was very little enjoyment. The Commodore was badly frightened for fear the crowd would upset the boat. He said he would have given $50.00 to have been back home. I heard that Capt. IPOCK remarked to Capt. SMITH of the *Trent*, that he took on his excursion party and SMITH told him he was welcome to them for him.

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Queries

Does anyone have any information on the ancestry of David ROACH, Sr., Rev. soldier of Pitt County and Charles ROACH, Sr., Rev. soldier of Craven County? Were they brothers? Who was their father? Are they descendants of Nicholas ROACH, who owned a lot in Bath, NC in 1710?
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I am seeking information on George FREEMAN (1883-1958) who md. Dora SUTTON (1888-1983). Dora was the daughter of Benjamin Franklin SUTTON (b. 1853) and his wife, Molcey Ann LEWIS (1857-1942). Benjamin Franklin SUTTON was the son of Jesse SUTTON (b. 1815) and Penelope SMITH. Jesse SUTTON was the son of Thomas SUTTON. Penelope SMITH was the daughter of Joshua SMITH (b. 1795) and Winaford _____. They all lived in Pitt County.
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I am seeking the ancestors and parents of Azariah MCAFEE (b. ca. 1793) who md. Jane ASHBY, dau. of Halafax ASHBY and Jane HUDSON. Azariah served in the War of 1812 and had 17 siblings: Thomas MCAFEE (d. Sept. 1846) md. Elizabeth MCREE; Catherine MCAFEE md. William COLLINS; Nancy MCAFEE md. Isaac MILLER; James MCAFEE; John MCAFEE (d. Aug. 1852); Penelope MCAFEE md. John CARPENTER; Luke MCAFEE (d. 1836); Sariah MCAFEE md. James SIMMS; Nathan MCAFEE (d. 1832) md. Martha _____; Jessy MCAFEE, Isaac MCAFEE (d. 1840) md. Elizabeth _____; Ezekial MCAFEE (d. 1848) md. Mary FAULKNER; William MCAFEE; Temperance MCAFEE md. James A. GOTCHER; Nettie Caroline MCAFEE. I wonder if their parents were William MCAFEE and Karen Hoppick CHANDLER?
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I am seeking information on the family of Charles Coachworth CANNON of Pitt County. I am also seeking to find out the maiden name of Argent who md. in 1845 to William C. CANNON. Argent, b. ca. 1825, was apparently married before since she had two children in the 1850 Census, Nancy and Council, 11 and 8 years old.
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I am looking for the descendants of Willoughby ADAMS. I have information on Willoughby's two sons, Blount ADAMS and Abram ADAMS. Were there other siblings? Willoughby's grandson was J. L. ADAMS (md. Mary L. ____). J. L. ADAM'S son was William (Bill) Dennis ADAMS (md. 1907 to Maggie Nora MCLAWHORN). Maggie Nora MCLAWHORN (1880-1949) was the daughter of Jerry N. MCLAWHORN and Sarah Virginia COX. Sarah Virginia COX (1870-1941) was the dau. of Jesse COX and Sarah HARDEE. Jerry N. MCLAWHORN was the son of Jonathan MCLAWHORN and Sukie WORTHINGTON.
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I am seeking the name of the wife of the David SMITH, b. ca. 1750, d. after 1807, who were the parents of Henry SMITH b. ca. 1780.
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Coxville Items

New Bern Weekly Journal, Sept. 20, 1883

Martha NELSON, col., one of the many great grandchildren of Bettie WINGATE, died on the 10th inst. in Swift creek township, leaving one child, which is only one of the many great great grandchildren of Bettie WINGATE's in existence.

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Arthur Forbes EASTWOOD

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"Arthur Forbes EASTWOOD, sheriff of Lake County, Tenn., is the son of William J. and Susan C. (BIGHAM) EASTWOOD. His father was born in North Carolina, in 1820, and his mother in Carroll County, Tenn. in the same year. They were married in New Madrid County (since called Pemiscot County), Mo. They had five sons and one daughter, and both belonged to the Cumberland Presbyterian Church, and Mr. EASTWOOD was a Democrat, taking an active part in politics. He died December 3, 1852. Mrs. EASTWOOD afterward married Capt. S. B. KELLEY, and she died August 22, 1870. Our subject is of Scotch-Irish descent, and was born in Pemiscot County, Mo., April 6, 1852. Mr. EASTWOOD was raised on a farm. As he was a child during the late war, which closed the schools in his neighborhood, he had few opportunities of acquiring an education until after he was grown, but commenced teaching when he was nineteen years of age, and continued it for five years. On October 18, 1874, he married Miss Mary H. WATERS, who was born in New Madrid County, Mo., April 17, 1852. They have one daughter— Susan V. V., born October 18, 1875. Mrs. EASTWOOD was a member of the Catholic Church, and died April 1876. Mr. EASTWOOD afterward married Miss Martha E. HARPER, who was born February 15, 1857, in Obion County. Three children were born to this marriage: Mary E., born May 6, 1881; Erin, born October 24, 1883; Vera, born December 5, 1885. Neither Mr. nor Mrs. EASTWOOD belong to any church. Mr. EASTWOOD is one of the prominent Democrats of Lake County, and in 1884 was elected sheriff of the county, and is now serving his second term. In 1881 he published the Lake County , at Tiptonville, Tenn., and sold his interest to Mr. E. E. TIPTON, in November, 1883. As sheriff of Lake County Mr. EASTWOOD has collected a larger amount of taxes than any other sheriff of the county has ever done, and has done more work without a deputy. Mr. EASTWOOD is very popular and widely known in his county."

Hon. James F. HARRINGTON

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Hon. James F. Harrington, one of Pitt Counties most widely known citizens, is serving his third consecutive term as clerk of Pitt County Superior Court. The ancestor of Mr. HARRINGTON was born in Ireland, possibly coming to New Jersey as early as 1670 and his descendants rose to prominence. James Franklin HARRINGTON was born Dec. 27, 1872 on his father' s farm, a son of Paul HARRINGTON and Gracy TYSON and grandson of Allen HARRINGTON. Allen HARRINGTON was born on his father's plantation near Greenville, NC, and resided there all his life as a farmer and respected citizen. Paul HARRINGTON, father of James F., was born on the old HARRINGTON homestead in 1847 and died on his own farm, five and one half miles south of Greenville, NC, in 1916. Paul was raised on the farm and when he reached manhood established his own farm. He was active in Democratic politics and was a man whose judgment was valued in local affairs. He was also a sincere member of the Free Will Baptist Church, where he was a deacon and church clerk for many years. Paul married in Pitt County to Gracy TYSON, who was born near Greenville, NC and died in 1910 on the home farm. They had three children: Queenie HARRINGTON (md. Zebulon Vance VINCENT, who is connected with a general store in Winterville, NC), James F. HARRINGTON (the subject), and Mary Eliza HARRINGTON (md. Charles A. WORTHINGTON, a farmer near Greenville, NC).

James Franklin HARRINGTON, grew up helping his father on the farm while attending both private and public schools. He left the farm and clerked for 11 months in the general store of W. H. WHITE in Greenville, NC. In 1896, he purchased the grocery store of A. G. COX at Winterville, NC, which he ran successfully until 1918. In Nov. 1918, he was elected clerk of Pitt County Superior Court. He was re-elected in 1922 and again in 1926. Mr. HARRINGTON married first on April 29, 1896 in Pitt County to Edith Agatha TUCKER, born May 5, 1879 in Pitt Co. and died Oct. 31, 1921 in Greenville, NC. They had four children: the two eldest, Susan E. and Theron, both died in childhood. J. Frank, born Sept. 1903, is a student at Massey Business College in Richmond, Va.; and Milton, born Sept. 1908, is a student in

Greenville, NC. Mr. HARRINGTON married second on Oct. 10, 1923 to Miss Edith BRYAN, who was born at Hamilton, NC and educated in a Virginia college. The HARRINGTON'S have always been loyal democrats. During WWI, Mr. HARRINGTON gave alot of his time for the cause. He is a member and ruling elder of the Free Will Baptist Church near Greenville, NC. He is a member of numerous masonic and fraternal organizations in Greenville, Winterville and New Bern, NC. Mr. HARRINGTON owns valuable farm land and other real estate in Greenville, NC. He and his family live in an attractive house on the corner of Chestnut and Paris Avenue. He is also a member of the Greenville Kiwanis Club.

Hon. George W. HART

Found in *North Carolina, Rebuilding An Ancient Commonwealth*, Vol. 4, p. 133; The American Historical Society, Inc., 1928. Abstracted by Roger Kammerer.

Hon. George W. HART, one of Greene Counties most faithful public servants, has served unopposed for sixteen years as clerk of Greene County Superior Court. George W. HART was born on Dec. 19, 1865, on a farm near Greenville, NC, a son of Thomas W. HART and his fourth wife, Sarah A. R. DIXON, and a grandson of Jesse HART. Thomas W. HART was born in 1820 in Greene Co., NC, where he was reared and educated. After his marriage he moved to Pitt County, where he farmed until 1870. He then moved to near Hookerton, NC where he farmed until his death on June 7, 1877. Mr. HART was a democrat, a Mason and a member of the Christian Church. Mrs. Sarah A. R. (DIXON) HART, was born in 1816 near Hookerton, NC and died there Jan. 18, 1878. They had five children: Minnie, Joseph, Maggie, Johnnie and George W., all of whom died in infancy, except George W. HART, our subject.

George W. HART first attended a private school in Greene County and then attended Kinston High School from 1880 to 1882. In 1884 , he attended Kings Mountain High School in Cleveland County, NC. After leaving school he returned to the farm and now cultivates 213 acres one mile east of Hookerton, NC. In Dec. 1910, he moved to Snow Hill, NC, but still superintends his farm lands. In 1910, he was first elected clerk of Greene County Superior Court. During WWI, Mr. HART assisted in and was chairman of several Liberty Loans and Red Cross drives and was a member of the Speakers Bureau of the county. Mr. HART is a democrat and a member, sunday school teacher and steward of the Methodist Episcopal Church, South of Snow Hill, NC. Mr. HART married first on Mar. 3, 1892 at Snow Hill, NC to Letha SULLIVAN, daughter of the late Owen W. SULLIVAN and Ceyley HART. Mr. SULLIVAN was a sawmill operator in Greene County. Letha died Oct. 5, 1895, near Hookerton, NC leaving one son, Kirby T. HART. Kirby was a veteran of WWI, a member of the Hospital Corps in France and is now engaged in the insurance business at Goldsboro, NC. George W. HART married second on March 28, 1897 at Snow Hill, NC to Lillie SULLIVAN, a sister of his first wife. They are the parents of four children: Sallie Leona HART (md. William S. EVANS, a teacher in Snow Hill High School); Robert L. HART, of Snow Hill, a salesman for the J. E. DEBNAM Motor Company; George William HART and Lynwood Dixon HART, both students.

Judge Richard Tillman FOUNTAIN

Found in *North Carolina, Rebuilding An Ancient Commonwealth*, Vol. 3, p. 107; The American Historical Society, Inc., 1928. Abstracted by Roger Kammerer.

Judge Richard Tillman FOUNTAIN, descends on both his parents sides from prominent families in Edgecombe County, NC. From early Edgecombe County records, his ancestors purchased land in 1760 on the Tar River between Swift and Fishing Creeks. On his father's side, his ancestors were French Huguenots who left France on account of the revocation of the Edict of Nantes in 1685, going to England and then to North Carolina. His mother's people, the EAGLES family, were Scotch and English.

Richard Tillman Fountain was born on his father's plantation, Cedar Lane, near Tarboro, NC on Feb. 15, 1885, the son of Almon Lodrick FOUNTAIN and Sarah Louisa EAGLES. His paternal grandparents were Lodrick FOUNTAIN and Priscilla DIXON. They were both born in No. 5 Township, Edgecombe Co., NC, near the town of Leggetts and where Lodrick was an extensive planter. Lodrick was the son of Solomon FOUNTAIN, who was also born near the same place. The maternal grandparents of Judge FOUNTAIN were Richard Tillman EAGLES and Penelope EASON. Mr. Eagles was a merchant and planter at EAGLES Cross Roads, near Old Sparta, Edgecombe Co., NC.

Almon L. FOUNTAIN was born in Township No. 5, near Leggetts, Edgecombe Co., NC in 1842. He was educated in private schools and when the Civil War started he was age nineteen and attending the school of Lorenzo Dow EAGLES, whose sister he later married. At the outbreak of war, Lorenzo Dow EAGLES closed his school and he and many of his students, including Almon L. FOUNTAIN, formed a company at Old Sparta named Company F, 30th NC Infantry. Almon served in numerous battles of the Civil War and at the Battle of Kelly's Ford, he was taken prisoner. He spent the last 16 months of the war as a prisoner in the Federal prison at Point Lookout. He was released at the end of the war and returned to North Carolina where he became an extensive planter. Almon and his wife were active members of the Presbyterian Church and helped organize and build the Presbyterian Church at Leggetts known as "Olivet." This was the second Presbyterian Church in Edgecombe County. The name was changed to the "William and Mary HART Chapel" when the new brick church was built. Almon L. FOUNTAIN died at his plantation, "Cedar Lane," a part of which now forms the village of Leggett, on July 28, 1907. He was married to Sarah Louisa EAGLES, who was born at EAGLES crossroads, near Sparta, Edgecombe County, NC on Dec. 15, 1849, daughter of Richard Tillman EAGLES and Penelope EASON. Richard Tillman EAGLES was the son of Levin and Tabitha EAGLES. Penelope EASON was the daughter of Joshua EASON and Polly SCARBOROUGH, and granddaughter of James SCARBOROUGH, a prominent planter in Edgecombe County, NC. Sarah Louisa EAGLES FOUNTAIN died at "Cedar Lane" plantation on December 2, 1913. She had four brothers and two sisters, Benjamin F. EAGLES, Theophilus EAGLES, Dr. Columbus EAGLES, Lorenzo Dow EAGLES, Mary EAGLES (md. William NORVEL) and Miss Zilphia EAGLES. Lt. Lorenzo Dow EAGLES was wounded at Spotsylvania Courthouse in 1864 at a point called the "Horse Shoe, or "Bloody Angle," while trying to retake a broken line. Miss Zilphia EAGLES, who never married, lived to be more than 70 years old. She was prominent in the educational and religious life in her community, being one of the organizers of the Baptist Church at EAGLES Cross roads and teaching school in Edgecombe county for more than 40 years. Almon L. and Sarah Louisa EAGLES FOUNTAIN had 11 children being: Charles L. FOUNTAIN, Margaret FOUNTAIN SAVAGE, Arthur FOUNTAIN, Robert Almon FOUNTAIN, Walter R. FOUNTAIN, Richard Tillman FOUNTAIN, Mary FOUNTAIN LAWRENCE, Lula FOUNTAIN GOODWYN, Benjamin Eagles FOUNTAIN, and Annie and Fannie FOUNTAIN who died in infancy. Charles L. FOUNTAIN, a merchant, died Feb. 1927 and his widow and children lived in Leggetts, NC. Margaret FOUNTAIN SAVAGE, was the wife of Thomas F. SAVAGE, a descendant of Elder Joshua LAWRENCE. Margaret owned the family plantation "Cedar Lane" and was active in the Presbyterian Church. Arthur FOUNTAIN, was a successful businessman and farmer. He was at one time chairman of his local school board, president of the Coastal Plain Agricultural Fair Association and a member of the Edgecombe County highway commission. Robert Almon FOUNTAIN, was a pioneer citizen and merchant in the town of Fountain, Pitt County. The town was named in honor of his family and Walter was a great benefactor of the development of Fountain city schools, churches and bank. Walter R. FOUNTAIN, was a livestock dealer in Rocky Mount, NC. Mary FOUNTAIN LAWRENCE, was the wife of Joshua Thomas LAWRENCE, a merchant and planter at Leggetts, NC. Mr. LAWRENCE was the great-grandson of Elder Joshua LAWRENCE, a prominent Primitive Baptist preacher and writer from 1810 to 1840. Lula FOUNTAIN GOODWYN, a former teacher in Rocky Mount, NC and Laurinburg, NC, was the wife of William GOODWYN, a merchant at Fountain, Pitt County. Benjamin Eagles FOUNTAIN, was a lawyer practicing law in Rocky Mount, NC wih his brother, Richard Tillman FOUNTAIN. Benjamin Eagles FOUNTAIN graduated from the high school of Prof. John GRAHAM of Warrenton, NC. He attended UNC-Chapel Hill for one year, when he then enlisted on June 5, 1918 in the Navy in WWI. He was honorably discharged and returned to UNC-Chapel Hill to study law for two years. He graduated in the class of 1923 and received his license from the NC Supreme Court in August, 1923.

Richard Tillman FOUNTAIN, the subject, received his early education in the public schools of Edgecombe County and prepared for college in the Tarboro Male Academy under the late F. S. WILKINSON. He entered UNC-Chapel Hill where he graduated from Law school in 1907. He established his practice in Rocky Mount, NC where he continues to live. Richard formed a law copartnership first with his cousin, G. M. T. FOUNTAIN, who died in 1923. He then admitted his younger brother, Benjamin Eagles FOUNTAIN into the partnership. In 1911, Richard was appointed judge of the first municipal court of Rocky Mount and served until 1918. In 1918, Richard was elected to the NC Legislature representing Edgecombe County in the sessions of 1919, 1921, 1923, 1925 and 1927. In the session of 1927 he

was elected speaker of the House of Representatives. Judge FOUNTAIN is an outstanding public spirited citizen being a member of numerous organizations such as Knights of Pythias and the Civitan Club. He is a member and officer of the Board of Trustees of Rocky Mount Schools, the Eastern Carolina Industrial Training School for Boys and trustee of UNC-Chapel Hill. Among his other interests he is a director of the New Home Building and Loan and of the First National Bank of Rocky Mount. Judge FOUNTAIN married on Oct. 3, 1918, at Montreat, NC to Susie RANKIN, where Miss RANKIN and her family were spending their summer. Susie RANKIN, who was a graduate of the NC College for Women at Greensboro, NC in 1915, was the daughter of the late Edgar Haywood RANKIN and Lula Anne SLOAN of Gaston County, NC. Lula Anne SLOAN was the daughter of the late Dr. John R. SLOAN and Martha McDONALD of Mecklenberg County, NC. Susie RANKIN FOUNTAIN's paternal grandparents were William Campbell RANKIN and Susan DAVENPORT. Her great-grandparents were Richard RANKIN and Anne HARGROVE. Her great-great-grandparents were William Rankin, hero of the Revolution and his wife, Ellen ALEXANDER.

Richard T. and Susie FOUNTAIN had three children: Susie Rankin FOUNTAIN, born August 3, 1919; Anne Sloan FOUNTAIN, born March 13, 1922, and Margaret Eagles FOUNTAIN, born August 2, 1925. Their beautiful family home in Rocky Mount is situated on the corner of Tarboro and George Streets. Mr. and Mrs. FOUNTAIN are both members of the Presbyterian Church, he being on the board of Deacons and superintendent of the sunday school for many years.

J. S. EASON

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" J. S. EASON, one of the citizens of the First District of Dyer County, is a farmer by occupation, and was born in Weakley County in 1836, and is one of a family of thirteen children, four of whom are living: Abner, a carpenter by trade, but now in California, where he owns a vineyard, was formerly a resident of Crockett County; Rachael, wife of Jasper SORRELL, a farmer, residing four miles southeast of Dyersburg; Elizabeth, wife of Foster AGEE, a farmer living in Crockett County; Thomas EASON, the oldest brother, was second lieutenant in WRIGHT'S brigade of the confederate Army, and was killed in battle at Atlanta, Ga. They were the children of Thomas and Ann M. EASON. The father was born in North Carolina in 1798; was married there and moved to Weakley County, Tenn., about 1838, and lived in Stewart, Henry and Dyer Counties, and then moved to Woodruff County, Ark., where he died in 1872. He was a farmer by occupation, and was married three times, J. S. EASON, our subject, being one of the children by his second wife. His mother was born in Greenville, N. C., in 1809; died in 1849. Mr. EASON was reared and educated at home. In 1861 he married Miss S. J., daughter of James and Millie ASPROG. Mrs. EASON was born in Gibson County, March, 1839. By this union there are seven children living; James T., John A., Joseph H., William, George, M. M. M. and Lula L. In the fall of 1865 Mr. EASON located at his present home, a valuable farm of 259 acres on the Dyersburg & Trenton road, thirteen miles from Dyersburg. Mr. EASON is a self-made man. He has given his children good educational advantages. He is a Democrat, casting his first vote for Andrew JOHNSON for governor of Tennessee. He is also a Mason, and his wife and himself are members of the Baptist Church."

Edmon P. LATHAM

The Goodspeed History of Tennessee, Weakley County, The Goodspeed Publishing Company, 1887.

"Edmon P. LATHAM was born in Beaufort County, N. C., February 8, 1808, where he married Sabina DANIEL in 1830, and moved the following year the rugged trip over the mountains to West Tennessee, and located on the North Fork of the Obion River in Weakley County, nine miles north of Dresden & Mayfield road. Here, with his indomitable energy and under embarrassments that few would have overcome, he erected an extension to the successful mills, the first established in the county, and operated them with great success until the date of his death on the 8th of November, 1862. He was also a most successful farmer, having one of the finest farms in that section of the county. By great industry and business capacity, he accumulated a handsome estate. In 1857 he lost his faithful wife, no less noted in the field of her action than he. They were the parents of four children: Thomas J., James F., John D. and Fannie B., all of whom are now dead except the eldest two, Thomas and James. Thomas J. is at present living in Memphis, Tenn., where he is highly esteemed, and has accumulated a handsome fortune, being

the owner of large real estate, besides a large interest in the waterworks, of which he is president, and is said to have the finest mansion in the city. James F. is engaged in the orange culture in Florida. Few men are more highly esteemed than the subject of this sketch. He was an old line Whig in politics, though living in a county overwhelmingly Democratic. He was, without his solicitation, elected sheriff, and to the mortification of all, refused to be a candidate for re-election. His memory is still retained by his old neighbors and all who knew him as the charitable friend of the poor and needy. No worthy applicant ever left his mill without bread. Though a quarter of a century has closed since he passed away, his old neighborhood and a new postoffice, recently established, bear his honored name."

Blount Coleman PEARCE

Abstract taken from an obituary clipping (source unknown) in the notes of Roger Kammerer.

Blount Coleman PEARCE was born in New Bern, NC on Jan. 5, 1829, the son of William Blount Pearce and Mary HERRITAGE. He married Ann KINSAUL, daughter of Robert Marshal KINSAUL, one of the largest merchants in Pitt County. After the death of Ann in 1880, Blount took a position with a New York house and became a traveling salesman. He later served as Pitt County Register of Deeds, filling the unexpired term of W. A. CHERRY, who died while in office. Blount served in the Civil War and was a lifelong friend of Dr. Charles J. O'HAGAN. He had the distinction of being the first man in NC to be arrested for activities as a member of the Klu Klux Klan and was taken before the Military Court at Goldsboro, NC for trial. He always said that his being a Mason was the cause of his life being spared. He always took a prominent part in the public affairs of Greenville, NC. Blount was married second in June 1898 to Mrs. Maggie Newby HUNT of Sanford, NC and he moved to Sanford where he lived for twelve years. He was appointed the first treasurer of the new county of Lee..He was a constant visitor to Greenville after he moved to Sanford. Blount died in Sanford, NC and was buried in the Buffalo Cemetery. He was a member of the Presbyterian Church.

Land Deficiency Certifications

From the NC Archives, Secretary of State Records, Box 724. Contributed by Roger Kammerer.

"State of North Carolina } I Sherwood HINES Depty Surveyor of the County of Pitt do Solemnly Swear that I Proceeded to Survey a Tract of Land for Ezekial PAREMORE by Virtue of a warrant No 303 Adjoining the lands of William ALBRITON and William EDWARDS & Moses MOORE land & Said PARIMOORE and on the Completing the Survey a Greeable to the locations of said warrant. there is a Deficiency of Forty five acres of land and no Vacant land there with to Satisfy the same Agreeable to the locations as all land Adjoining are taken by Pattents or Entreys of and Elder date So help me God Sherw HINES D Surv
I Certify that Sherw. HINES was a Deputy Surveyor of Pitt County at the time the land was Surveyed Sworn to in Open Court July Term 1799 George EVANS Clk"

"This may Certify that on the 25th day of September 1819 I proceeded to lay a warrant for Abraham STOCKS for eighty acres Entered 4th November 1818 and Numbered in Entry book 335. I could only find fifty four acres in the location of said Warrant and thare was no vacant land wherewith the Same Could be Satisfied. Wyatt MOYE C Surv
Pitt County Nov. Term 1819
Sworn to in open Court by Wyatt MOYE County Surveyor"

"This May Certify that on the 10th day of october 1819 I proceeded to lay a warrant granted Caswell ARMSTRONG for 40 acres of land Entered 27th January 1818 and Numbered in Entry book 298 that I could only find twenty acres in the location of said Warrant and thare was no land wherewith the Same Could be Satisfied Wyatt MOYE C S
Pitt County Nov. Term 1819
Sworn to in open Court by Wyatt MOYE County Surveyor attest Alex EVANS Clk"

"State of North Carolina Pitt County} This may Certify that 29th October 1819 I proceeded to lay a warrant granted Robert DIXON and Jacob ELKS Entered 18th March 1819 and Numbered in Entry book 366 that I could only find forty Eight acres in the location of said Warrant and thare was no land wherewith the same Could be Satisfied Wyatt MOYE C Surv
Nov. Term 1819 Sworn to in open Court by Wyatt MOYE County Surveyor Alex EVANS Clk"

Wills & Testaments: Book 1

Pitt County Court House
Greenville, North Carolina

Abstracted and contributed by Elizabeth Ross.

The oldest will book in Pitt begins with probate records following the fire on Jan. 1, 1858, which destroyed the court house and all the records in the Clerk of Court's office. Many estates were in the process of being settled, or in a state of dissention, so Will Book 1 contains several "re-recorded wills " and/or court cases attempting to reconstruct the intentions of the devisors. These genealogical abstracts glean the names of devisees, slaves/negroes being devised (following the name of the devisee), executors and witnesses; occasional references to significant tracts of land or unusual phraseology may also have been noted. In many cases the lack of punctuation, particularly between names, forced interpretation on my part, which may—or may not—be correct. My apologies for the inevitable errors.

Part 1

1. **Tripp, Arthur.**

Pitt Co. Nov. 7, 1857. Feb. Term 1858. Wife: Bethena, all land &c. for life, then to two daus.: Elizabeth and Gatsey, except land whereon Hardy Tripp lives. Grandchildren: Leniser [or Leuiser?], Senetty and James Tripp; Lizer Jane, Sally, John Leas and Henry Tripp, land Hardy Tripp lives on. No execs. named. Wits.: James L. W. Nobles, James Tripp. H. Sheppard, Clk. —Wb. 1, p. 1.

2. **Davis, James,** of the Town of Greenville.

Pitt Co. June 3, 1858 (no probate date). Exec. to pay all just debts especially a note I owe Cesar, a slave, for $148. Sons: Thomas C. Davis, James Davis, Joseph Davis, all property real & personal to be So divided as they may think best. Sister: Prudence Davis, $75 annually. Exec.: son James Davis. Wits.: none given. Test.: James Murray, James C. Albritton, Stephen F. Johnson. H. Sheppard, Clk. —Wb. 1, p. 2.

3. **Flake, Mancel.**

Pitt. Co. Oct. 31, 1854. Feb. Term 1858. Son: Amsey Flake, and Dau.: Lydia Ewell, 50¢ each to them and their heirs. Grandson: John L. Teel. Dau.: Tempy Flake, south side of home tract near David House field, straight course to Wm. Teel field. Dau.: Martha Teel, 50¢. Son: John C. Flake, balance of tract of land. Exec.: friend Adam Fleming. Wits.: Wm. Shivers, David House. H. Sheppard, Clk. —Wb. 1, p. 2.

4. **Lewis, Richard H.**

Pitt Co. June 21, 1856. Feb. Term 1857. Execs. to "erect monuments over my grave and my daughter Ann S." Wife: Martha E. Lewis, all negroes including Richmond sent to Alabama, and Lovey purchased of Dr. Blount (dau. of my Carpenter Ned); also money. Infant son: Richard H. Lewis, 123 shares of stock in Raleigh and Gaston RR Co., 200 shares in the Capital Stock in the Bank of Mobile, 50 shares of stock in Chicago and Rock Island RR Co., 5 shares of stock in NY and New Orleans steam ship Co., money. Son: Ivey F. Lewis, land near Big Prairie Creek in Marengo Co., Ala., and all negroes in Ala.: Jim Everett, Marina, Amanda, Harriet & Martha, Esther, Jim Hill, Ritty (big), Fanny, Spencer, Arnold, Amos and little Handy, Ely, Pherebe & Cornelius, George, Sylvana and Minerva, Bob & Tempy, Jim Harrison, Gatsey, Jenny, Dicey and Neptune, Shade, Betty, Eliza, Nancy, Matilda and Patsey, Stewart, little Ritty, Isaac, Richard & Ned (an infant), Elsey, Love, Maria, Susan & Judy, Edenboro, Bethana, Hannah, Penny & Stephen, Cain, Clerisa, Louisa & Irwin, Willis (long) & Lotty, Frank, Smithy, John (big) and Bill, Jack & Lucy (-Lawrence-) Curran [or Cunan?], Matilda, Jefferson, Bryan, Franky, Champion, Emanuel, Zilpha, Jim (Hooker), Roy, little Willie, Pompey, Sylva, Caroline, Edy (old) and Dawson, Harriett, Martha, Ann, John, Laura, Augustus, Cornelia, Edwin, Della and child Charles, Joe (Dolly's son) and Phill [or Phile?], and increase. Dau.: Mary F. Lewis, land in Greene Co., Ala., belonging to estate of Hariss Lincker &

others, also land in Marengo Co., Ala., lands devised to son Ivey of Thomas M. Johnson and of E. B. Vaughn. Also negroes in Ala.: Joshua & Big betty, Madison & Mary, Ned & Viney (house), King, Margaret, Chaney, Susan & Frank, Arthur, Elizabeth, Asey, Armittie, Mary & Brister, Handy, Hetty, Henrietta, Priscilla, Ephraim, Maria & Andrew, Dick, little Caroline, Francis & Delia, Joe, Hazanna & Letitia, Ben, Viney (black), Tempy, little Edy, Scip or Scepio and Collins, Henry, Lizzy, George, Adeline & little Henry, Britton Jane & her child Eliza, Emma & Baker, big Willie, Angeline, Hall, Abel & Catharine, Sam, little Lucy, Elias, Oliver & Becky, Nero, Rose, Rebecca & Julia, Jonas, Lucy (house), Bill, Munro, Randall, Little Bob, General & Alfred, Carey, Winney, Mitchell, Willis (short), Sarah, Turner, little John, Elizabeth Charity, Moses & Rachel, and increase. Negro children not named to go with their mothers respectively. Also to same dau., furniture formerly belonged to her Mother, her gold watch, jewelry, etc. All stock in Ala. divided between son Ivey F. Lewis and dau. Mary F. Lewis, including a bond I hold against Mary Pickens [later written Perkins], dec'd., as principal and John R. Moore as Surety now in hands of Tart Stewart & Co. All property left in NC to wife Martha E. Lewis, my children Ivey F. Lewis, Mary F. Lewis and Richard H. Lewis, divided equally. Brother: Kenelm H. Lewis to be Guardian to my children Mary F. and Richard H. Lewis until 21 or married; personal guardianship of dau. Mary to my esteemed friend Mrs. W. H. Pratt of Mobile. Money in trust to bro. Kenelm H. Lewis to educate niece Anna Lewis, dau. of brother John W. Lewis, dec'd., at Salem, NC. Also step-sons: Ivey Foreman, William J. Foreman; brother W. F. Lewis; sister Emma Speight (gold and diamond jewelry to each). Execs.: bro. Kenelm H. Lewis, son Ivey F. Lewis; in case of death of bro. Kenelm, appoint friend Wm. H. Pratt of Mobile and Allen C. Jones of Greensboro guardian to dau. Mary F. Lewis. Wits.: Jas. Murray, Richard Williams, Jas. L. Cobb. Codicil to will of June 21, 1856: (changes dispositions of tracts of land) . . . Trustees for Mary F., dau., to "protect land from control of any husband she may have, and after her death . . . the same to her children and Grandchildren. If she dies without heirs, then to go to my immediate descendants according to laws of N. C." Wits.: Jas. L. Cobb, Rich'd. Williams. H. Sheppard, Clk. —Wb. 1, p. 3.

[Note: The lists of Negroes are presented here exactly as they were organized and punctuated in Mr. Lewis's will in order to preserve any family groupings that may have been implied. This will covers 5 pages in the old will book.]

5. **Congleton, James R.**

Pitt Co. Aug. 15, 1857. May Term 1858. Wife: Temperance, the Clemants tract and four negroes: Isaac, Gilbert, Rose & Selah; and then equally divided among "all my children." Exec.: son Simon L. Congleton. Wits.: none given. Proven on oath of Wm. L. Perkins, J. C. Keel, and John S. Smith. —Wb. 1, p. 8.

6. **Williams, Nancy M.**

Pitt Co. Dec. 12, 1857. May Term 1858. Daus.: Fanny M. Cobb, consort of James L. Cobb, and Patsey Ann Vines, $1 ea. Son: William M. Williams, $1. Daus.: Penelope G. Williams and Nancy Williams, all land descended to me from my father, Benjamin May, dec'd., in Pitt Co., on waters of Middle Swamp adj. James Joyner & others. Dau.: Mary O. Gay, consort of William M. Gay. Son: Joseph J. Williams, other property for use of my 2 daus. Penelope & Nancy until he "Settles and goes to housekeeping." Remainder divided equally between daus. Penelope and Nancy. Residue, 2/5ths of net to dau. Nancy and balance divided equally among my 3 children Penelope G., Mary O. Gay, and Joseph John Williams. Sole Exec.: friend Lemuel D. Berry, Senr. Wits.: W. L.. Tyre, Lemuel J. Deberry. —Wb. 1, p. 10.

7. **Braddy, James.**

Pitt. July 28, 1845. May 1858. Wife: Lovey, land, 3 negroes Ben, Starling and Tincy. Sons: Robert H. W. Braddy, Josephus Braddy. Daus.: Christchany E. Braddy, Clemmy A. Braddy. Son: Edmond R. Braddy. My 6 children. Execs.: Sons Robert H. W. Braddy and Josephus Braddy. Wits.: none. Test. H. Sheppard, Clerk, and M. G. Cherry. —Wb. 1, p. 11.

8. **Moore, Ichabod.**

Pitt. Feb. 2, 1857. Nov. Term 1857. Wife: unnamed, house tract for natural life, and in lieu of dower negroes Old Henry, Roady, Edmond, Dawson, Martha, and their increase. Eldest Dau.: Martha Ann Millisent Moore, negroes Caroline, Joseph and Gray. If she die without issue, to go to my five youngest

children. Second Dau.: Ann Maria Jane Speight, all interests in the Sherrod Gay tract and negroes Catharine, Sessaro, Spencer, Dellar, Tom Carrow, Caroline and John. Oldest son: William James Moore, tract whereon he lives known as Burne Gay tract, received in advance; also negroes Guiner, Adaline, Arch., Allen and Jane, and their increase. Second and third sons: George Washington Moore and Benjamin Franklin Moore, jointly the tract known as the William Moore tract. Also to George Washington Moore, negroes Holloway, Tempy, Willice, Francis and increase. Third son Benjamin Franklin Moore, negroes Bob, Emily, Dick and Pater and increase. Fourth son: Andrew Jackson Moore, negroes Jacob, Judy, Handy and Arnol and increase; cash advancement. Fifth son: Thomas Jordan Moore, negroes Harriet and Rufus and increase; and cash. To: Joshua Icabod Francis Moore, negroes Wilson, Clara, Beth and Ichabod and increase. Negroes to be Sold on a credit of 6 months notes drawing interest: Old Jack and his wife Sook, Old Peter and his wife Rany, Africa, and Amos. Remainder to be sold and equally divided between wife and 8 children above named. Execs.: Sons George W. and Benjamin F. Moore. Wits.: John R. Moore, Jos. R. Moore. H. Sheppard, Clk. —Wb. 1, p. 12.

9. **Brewer, Rebecca.**

Pitt. Nov. 21, 1854. Feb. Term 1858. Sister: Priscilla White, land whereon I live and all estate. Wits.: Joseph L. Ballard, John T. Parker. H. Sheppard, Clerk. —Wb. 1, p. 15.

10. **Joyner, Aron.**

Pitt. Dec. 20, 1854. Aug. Term 1858. Wife: Elizabeth, land adj. my brother Amos Joyner, James W. May's line above the School House, Noah Joyner, Wesley Mangrum, Jesse Britt, Thomas Joyner, it being home tract. Also lend her negro slaves Sidney, Balam, Girl Amanda, Woman Edy and Girl Airy. Eldest son: Jacob Joyner, land not deeded to son Henry Joyner, and subject to wife's life estate. Son Henry Joyner, land advanced as above mentioned, also negro boy Andrew. Four daus.: Lydia, Nancy, Eleanor, and Dicia, balance and all that is life estate of wife. To dau. Lydia, also negro Girl Amanda. Execs.: Son-in-law Calvin Ruff, son Jacob Joyner. Wits.: H. Sheppard, Sherrod Tison. H. Sheppard, Clk. —Wb. 1, p. 16.

11. **Forbes, Robert.**

Pitt. Dec. 2, 1845. Nov. Term 1858. Wife: Gracy, lend land for her natural life, also negroes Netty and George. Four youngest sons: Alfred Forbes, Robert Forbes, Archibald Forbes, Silus Forbes, land equally divided at wife's death. Dau.: Lunicy. Dau.: Elizabeth Worthington. Sons: John Forbes, James H. Forbes. To children John, Jas. H., and Lunicy, five negroes: Anna, Reny, Sarah, Cater, and William. Remainder after debts divided between dau. Elizabeth Weatherington and four youngest sons Alfred, Robert, Archibald and Silus Forbes. Exec.: none stated. Wits.: Theophilus Slaughter, Noah Forbes. At Nov. Term 1858 "the original will . . . has been destroyed by the burning of the Court House . . . oath of M. G. Cherry that Said paper is a true Copy." H. Sheppard, Clk. —Wb. 1, p. 17.

12. **Adams, James.**

Pitt. June 14, 1856. Nov. Term 1858. Son: John Adams, tract bought from Cannon Smith. Grandson: Jesse Chapman, land I live on (deeded and sold to him in advance) adj. Thomas Adams' line, Nathaniel Pettet line, Abraham Adams. Son: James Adams, $1. Eliza Adams, my son James Adams wife, lend land and then to her lawful heirs. Dau.: Jane Atkinson. Sons-in-Law: Hardee Stokes ($1), and Thomas Marrie [?] ($1 and rest of property to be sold and equally divided between my daughters by Executors: son John Adams and grandson Jesse Chapman. Wits.: Thomas Adams, Hardee J. Smith. H. Sheppard, Clk. —Wb. 1, p. 18.

13. **Pugh, Lewis B.**

Pitt. 1855 (No dates). Wife: unnamed, dower and 1/3 land for natural life, also a child's part of negroes. Son: Lewis B. Pugh, 1/5th of real and personal estate and money when he comes of age, or near so. Daus.: Mary E. Pugh, Rachel F. Pugh, Margaret A. Pugh, and Sarah L. Pugh, 1/5th part of same estate. Executors to "Send my children to be Educated at a good 'Episcopal School' and to pay James L. Murphey for a Gray mare that Lewis Mumphord purchased". Execs.: R. F. Bright, Wm. A. Pugh. Wits.: Calvin Cox, Theophilus Bland. Witnesses testified in open court that the paper will was written "on the 29th or 30th of September" 1855. H. Sheppard, Clk. —Wb. 1, p. 19.

14. ROGERS, **Shadrick.**

Pitt. Oct. 20, 1858. Feb. Term 1859. Niece: Laura Arnet Rogers, money five years after my Death. Brother: Henry Rogers, all remainder and then to be equally divided between his children if he has any, or if not to niece Laura Arnet Rogers. Wits.: Rippon Ward, John C. E. Dixon. Henry Rogers appt'd. Adm'r., security given by C. C. Moore and George A. Dancy, Sureties. H. Sheppard, Clk. —Wb. 1, p. 20.

15. BELCHER, **Moses.**

Pitt. July 26, 1858. Feb. Term 1859. Father: Benjamin Belcher, buggy and harness. Three sisters: Orpha Belcher, Elizabeth Belcher, and Anna Belcher, balance of estate equally divided. Exec.: Lambert P. Beardsley. Wits.: none. H. Sheppard, Clk. —Wb. 1, p. 21.

16. JORDAN, **Valentine S.**

Pitt. June 20, 1849. Nov. Term 1852. Dau.: Margaret, wife of Churchill Perkins, Esqr., Slaves Alary [or Hary?], Chloe and Chloe's children now or hereafter born. Son: Daniel W. Jordan, Slaves William, Ellen and Ellen's children. Dau.: Malvina, wife of William Brinkley, Slave Maria and her children. Remainder to divide in four equal parts between dau. Margaret (not subject to the contracts and liabilites of her husband); son Daniel W. Jordan; dec'd. dau. Sarah's heirs: John Ralston, Roena Ralston; and dau. Malvina. Exec.: Son-in-law Churchill Perkins and son Daniel W. Jordan. Wits.: John Q. Jordan, Henry J. Tool. Codicil dated June 21, 1849: dau. Malvina's 1/4th part not be subject to the contracts and liabilities of her husband. Codicil dated Sept. 21, 1852, that share to John and Rowena Ralston remain in hands of Churchill Perkins and Daniel W. Jordan as Trustees until they arrive at age 21 unless trustees "think it expedient and proper to pay it over Sooner." Wit.: Benj. F. Eborn, Orman Cherry. —Wb. 1, p. 22.

17. WORTHINGTON, **Reuben.**

Pitt. Nov. 25, 1854. Feb. Term 1859. Wife: Penelope. Dau.: Penelope Sefroney Moore, $1 and property at wife's death. Other four children: Ivan Kencey Worthington, James Godfrey Worthington, Lemuel K. Worthington, and Margaret Ann Worthington. Execs.: wife and son Ivan Kencey Worthington. Wits.: Sylvester Cox, William Cox. H. Sheppard, Clk. —Wb. 1, p. 24.

18. CAUSWEY, **Elizabeth.**

Pitt. Feb. 27, 1858. May Term 1859. Son: Phillip B. Causway. Exec.: trusty friend Sylvester Cox. Wits.: Wm. H. Smith, Argent Smith. H. Shepperd, Clk. —Wb. 1, p. 25.

19. DAVIS, **Benjamin.**

Pitt. Feb. 9, 1847. No probate date. Three sons: Richard B. Davis, Alfred Davis, Benjamin Archibald Davis, all real estate equally divided. Remainder equally divided between my children: Richard Davis, Alfred Davis, Archibald Davis, Sally Davis, Delphy Davis. Three sons to support their mother Delitha Davis. Exec.: son Alfred Davis. Wits.: Alfred Moye, Gideon Ward. —Wb. 1, p. 25.

20. MOBLY, **Frederick.**

Pitt. May 15, 1858. No probate indicated on NC Archives copy. Wife: Cinderella Mobly. Son: James Frederick Mobly. Dau. Martha Wilkins Mobly. Negroes Washington, woman Temp. Wife to have control and management of property. Wits.: Abram Baker, A. A. Baker. —Wb. 1, p. 27.

21. ROSS, **William.**

Pitt. Nov. 5, 1856. Re-recorded Aug. 1859, probate prior to Jan. 1858 court house fire. Wife: Rebecca, negro man Sam, woman Anacu. Son: William A. Ross, negro Mary and her increase. Son: John L. Ross, negro girl Tabitha and her increase. Son: James R. Ross, negro girl Ginney and her increase. Son: Samuel R. Ross, negro girl Amey and her increase; also bequests including negro boy Wilie to son Samuel R. for the care of my dau. Sarah Ross, and at her death to be equally divided between William A. Ross, John L. Ross, James Ross, Samuel R. Ross, Hannah E. Overton and Isebella Roebuck. Dau.: Hannah E. Overton, negro girl Meriney and her increase. Dau.: Isebella Robuck, negro girl Gatsy and her increase. At wife's death, her

property to be sold and the money, plus $300, to go to granddaughter Lemeryan Leviney Ross when she arrives at age 21. Exec.: sons William A. Ross and Samuel R. Ross. Wits.: Jesse Barnhill, John F. Whichard. —Wb. 1, p. 28.

22. **May, Martha.**

Pitt. Sept. 18, 1850. No probate date. Niece: Jacque Ann Beardsley wife of Lambert B. Beardsley, negro man Shep. Niece: Tabitha May wife of James W. May, negro girl Winney. Mary Ann Holeday dau. of John Holeday and Maria his wife (gold chain and pin). Niece: Prescilla May dau. of Benjamin May and Mary Ann his wife, $500. Nephew: William May son of Benjamin May and Mary Ann his wife, negro boys Willie, Aaron and Chest. Sister: Louisa May [Moy?]. Brother: Benjamin May, negro man Sam. Sister [in-law] Mary Ann May wife of Benjamin. Niece: Martha May dau. of Benjamin May and Mary Ann his wife. Exec.: beloved brother Benjamin May. Wits.: Gideon Ward, Geo. W. Parker. —Wb. 1, p. 29.

23. **Harriss, Sally.**

Pitt. June 27, 1853. Oct. 13, 1859. Granddau.: Virginia Ann Ward, negro man Blount aged about 20 yrs. Granddau.: Mary Ann Amanda Ward, negro boy Warren aged about 18 yrs. Grandson: William H. Ward, negro girl Adaline aged about 16 yrs. Dau.: Arcady Ward's next child to inherit negro girl Amanda; if no next child, Amanda to be divided among Arcady's children. Grandson: Ichabod Little, negro boy Oliver aged about 7 yrs. My grandchildren, viz: the heirs of Rebecca Little and Arcady Ward. Exec.: Daniel Ward. Wits.: Theophilus Davenport, Sindrila Peel. —Wb. 1, p. 30.

24. **Joyner, Thomas.**

Pitt. May 16, 1857. ____ Term 1857 [re-recorded]. Wife: Susanah, negroes Hanna, Daniel, Kinchen, Jack, Jenny, Marsh and Ritty. Sons: Charles, Amon, John Thomas, James, William Joyner. Daus.: Susanah, Prisella, Zeloty, Absaly, Artheny and Vesti Victoria. Exec.: sons William and John Thomas Joyner. Wits.: S. Marvel, Aron Joyner. —Wb. 1, p. 31.

25. **Collins, Clary.**

Pitt. Apr. 7, 1840. May Term 1840. Daus. Viney Sutton, Anna Willoughby. Negroes Gin and her increase. Execs.: John Willoughby, William Sutton. Wits.: Robert Nichols, William Nichols, Sr. (Probate noted that John B. Baker and Bryant Nichols testified to the signature of Wm. Nichols, Sr. This will was originally recorded in Will Bk. 1825-1842, p. 233, and re-recorded after the 1858 fire.) —Wb. 1, p. 31.

26. **Harriss, Ichabod.**

Pitt. Sept. 3, 1847. Aug. Term 1848 [re-recorded]. Wife: Sarah Harris, negroes Edmond and Gray, also negroes Rachel, Adaline, Blount and Warren. Dau.: Rebecca Little, negroes above named after their mother's death. Dau.: Arcadia Ward, negroes Peter, Dicy, Jack, Ervin, Wilson, Jane, Harriet and Ormond. Execs.: my two sons-in-law Samuel Little and Daniel Ward. Wits.: Arden Moore, Rowan Cooper. —Wb. 1, p. 32.

27. **Lang, Elisha.**

Petition (not dated, but after the 1858 fire), John Nelson and Wife Lewey vs. John Lang. Will had been proved May Term 1854, with Lewey Lang, the relict of Elisha Lang, the sole devisee and Executrix of the will. Lewey since remarried to John Nelson, one of the petitioners. The will was proved on oaths of Josiah Nelson and Rubin Gwaltney, the subscribing witnesses. Bequest had included negro boy John. Judgement that the court accepted the copy of the will. —Wb. 1, p. 33.

28. **Williamson, Henry.**

Pitt. Nov. 6, 1830. Re-recorded. "in a Loe State of Helgth". Wife: Charlotte Williamson, negro woman Aliss, girl Amey, boys Reuben, Allen, Bennet, John, Nathan, children of Aliss, Amy [or Amos?] and Edmon. Devise: Williamson Peal, negro girl Lucy and her increase. At wife's death, estate to be sold and the money divided in three parts: 1) Henry Williamson Martin son of Mary Martin of Richmond, Va.

(under 21 yrs. of age); 2) Elisabeth Jefferson McCoy of Portsmouth, Va.; 3) Winifred Price wife of Thomas Price of Alabama, and Lydia Gualtney of Pitt County, to divide equally. Wish negro man Martha "Be valued a fare Price and have the Liberty of Chusing Som Person to give the Said value for him." Wish negro man Abel Washington and woman Rose "should it be their choice" to stay with my wife, and after her death the same privilege as Martha, above. Monies owed to estate be collected and paid over to the children of Nancy Johnson to wit— Lydia Salley Elsy and Susan Elizabeth Stancil [Note: no commas in girls' names], Moses Cobb, Sampson Cobb, Charly Cobb, Allen Mobbly, Christian Harrod, Elizabeth Wooton, Salley Cobb wife of Amos Cobb. $300 to be equally divided between Betsey Mobly, Matilda Gay, Susan Gay, Lucinda Utly and Willey Mobly also to Sally Lewis $40. To Stephen Cobb, Gray Cobb Senr., Jonas Cobb, Edward Cobb, James? Lewis, Elizabeth Smith, all relatives of my former wife, $100 to each. Any remainder to the child Henry Williamson Martin for his care and education. If he should not live to age, those provisions to Lydia Gualtney and her heirs. Exec.: Col. Samuel Vines, and in case of his death, John Joiner, Esq. Wits.: James Parker, John Carr. —Wb. 1, p. 34.

29. **Wilson, A. G.**

Pitt. Dec. 26, 1855. Feb. Term 1860. Niece: Mary E. Holliday, all negroes, viz Dick, Penny, Fanny, Joe, Lucy, Hoyt, Stephen, James, Virginia, Jack, Jacob and Romeo. To Albina Georgian Holliday and brother Mc. G. R. Wilson, the negroes above named in the event that Mary E. Holliday dies without heirs. Exec.: John S. Smith. "Witnessed by A. G. Wilson in his own handwriting." (Probate note: David Moore, C. C. Perkins, Wm. H. Perkins and Sydney Daniel all identified the handwriting.) —Wb. 1, p. 36.

30. **Evans, Elizabeth.**

Pitt. Dec. 26, 1851. No probate date (re-recorded). Dau.: Nancy Brown, negro woman Pleasant and negro girls Frances and Della. Dau.: Martha Forbes, negro boy Ceasar and negro girl Matilda. Four grandsons: James, John, Gustavus and Richard Evans, negro girl Alvena. Grandson: Stephen Johnson. Granddaus.: Martha F. Brown, Mary D. Forbes and Martha E. Forbes. My two daus. Nancy and Martha. Remainder of estate divided 3 ways: dau. Nancy Brown, dau. Martha Forbes, and the 4 grandsons James, John, Gustavus and Richard Evans. Exec.: not named. Wits.: W. J. Blow, J. C. Albritton. —Wb. 1, p. 37.

31. **Windham, Sarow.**

Pitt. Nov. 3, 1855. Probate not dated. Dau.: Midian Windham. Sons: John and Ivey Windham. Grandson: Howel Robert Roberson. Granddau.: Sarow A. Roberson. Remainder divided between my children, viz: Lydia Roberson, John Windham, and Midian Windham. Exec.: friend Henry Stancell. Wits.: Jesse Stancell, Willie Stancell. —Wb. 1, p. 38.

32. **Jordan, Henry C.**

Pitt. Dec. 14, 1847. Feb. Term 1860. Wife: Emily E. Jordan, sole legatee and Executrix. Wits.: James Murray, Sarah M. Gorham. —Wb. 1, p. 39.

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Elder William A. Ross

Eastern Reflector, Greenville, NC, Sept. 7, 1892

"Elder W. A. ROSS, of this county, recently returned home from a month's trip through several counties in the central portion of the State. He traveled over fourteen counties, went as far over in Virginia as Danville, and while away attended three Associations. He reports that his entire trip was an exceedingly pleasant one. He tells the Reflector that in all his travels he did not find a Third partyite at any house he visited. Uncle Alfred is a close observer and a good judge of men, and would been sure to have spotted a Third party man had he come across one. He is not only a good man and a good preacher, but he is the best Democrat in Pitt County."

Pitt County Bastardy Bonds

1858–1861

Abstracted and contributed by Roger Kammerer, originals at the North Carolina Archives, Raleigh, NC. Race is assumed to be white in all instances.

Father Named:	Mother:	Date of Arrest Notice:
Barnhill, J. H.	Whitehurst, Dicey Jane	1861
Bibb, James H.	Willoughby, Lydia	1861
Briley, Wm. B.	Louisa Bryan	1859
Brown, Jesse P.	Meeks, Penelope A.	1859 he had left the county
Butler, Henry	Smith, Freebee Ann	1859
Campbell, John A.	Green, Sarah A.	1859
Case, Green	Anders, Mary	1862
Crawford, Wm. Henry	Harris, Elizabeth	1858
Johnson, Lemuel	Crisp, Mary Jane	1857
Davis, John	Corbet, Jane	1861
Jones, John of Greene Co.	Grizzard, Elizabeth	1857 child named Ann Eliza b. Dec. 1857
Hanrahan, James A.	Hindsley, Margaret	1858
Harrington James	Braxton, Penny	1859
Harris, James P.	Williams, Senthy	1859
Holliday, G. R.	Wethersby, Martha	1860
Mayo, James	Pridgin, Eliz.	1858
Miller, Oliver	Boyed, Debbie Ann	1861
Mills, Naseby, Jr.	Pettit, Mary	1860
Moore, George W.	Overton, Harriet	1858
Parker, George W.	Corbit, Jane	1858
Peoples, Horrel	Peoples, Lisa	1860
Simpkins, Benj.	Albert, Nancy	1859
Smith, Major B.	McLawhorn, Harriet	1858
Stephens, Cornelius	Overton, Harriet	1861
(Refused to name)	Smith, Marina	1858 January (court refused to pay for care)
Stokes, George B.	Haddock, Sophia	1861
Tucker, William R.	Stokes, Ally R.	1859 Tucker a planter in Taft's Distr.
Ward, Timothy W. of Mart. Co.	Davenport, Allse	1858
White, Fred.	Jones, Elizabeth	1858

1868–1875

Abstracted from the originals in the North Carolina Archives, Raleigh, NC, and contributed by Brenda Davis Stocks. Race is included only if so indicated in the original (which was not always the case).

Hannah Tyson vs. Benja S Sheppard. Date of acc., Sept. 12, 1870.
Mary Liza Carney, a bastard child, Nov. 10, 1870, Warren Brown of Edgecombe Co., NC.
Oleif Harris vs. Levi Worthington, Nov. 15, 1870.
Ollie Harris vs. Levi Worthington, Aug. 10, 1870.
Ollie Harris vs. Levi Worthington, Aug. 10, 1870.
Ollie Harris vs. Levi Worthington, Sept. 28, 1870.
Musie Atkinson vs. Joseph Atkinsen, Sept. 1, 1870. Armussie Atkinson (Sept. 7, 1870).
Sabina C. Gray vs. Guilford Andrews, Aug. 14, 1871. Also written Sebiney C. Gray.

Issobella Tisan vs. Peter Spell, Jan. 20, 1871.
Adeline Perkins vs. Henry Parker, Oct. 5, 1870.
Margarete Pitt vs. Riley Dupree, Mar. 23, 1871.
Mariah Gray (black) vs. Stephen Mayo, Sept. 3, 1868.
Easther Andrews vs. Silas Andrews, Aug. 9, 1869 (black).
Alice Gorham vs. Mayo Boyd, Aug. 15, 1871.
Alace Gorham vs. Major Boyd (black. once a slave of Abram Boyd), Feb. 19, 1868. Girl child 6 mo. old.
Fany Gray (colored) vs. Stephen May (colored), Nov. 7, 1868.
Ann J. Carney (colored) vs. Guilford Jenkins (colored), June 3, 1868.
Lucinda Novel vs. William Harris, Apr. 17, 1871.
Gatsey Harris vs. Boston Phillips, Dec. 7, 1870. Child delivered within last 2 yrs.
Elizabeth Tripp vs. Shim Tyson, Mar. 13, 1871. With child.
Martha Wiggens vs. Greg Wooten, Oct. 12, 1870. Child 2 yr. old.
Susan Davenport vs. C. J. Rollins, Oct. 5, 1870. Had child.
Martha Bell vs. Providence McGowan alias Cooper, May 20, 1870. Child 5 weeks. old, male.
Meranda Claton (Clayton) vs. Charles Cox, Sept. 23, 1871. Male child 6 mo. old Sept. 20, 1871.
Caroline Robeson vs. Brutus Granger. Oct. 4, 1870. With child.
Lucinda Williams vs. Sam Page (Martin Co.), Oct. 6, 1870. Has been delivered.
Mariah Gray vs. Stephen Mayo, Oct. 13, 1870. She is big with child.
Betsy Ann Brother vs. Wiley Briley, July 6, 1871. Has been delivered of child.
Harrett Braxton vs. Jourdan Darden, Jan. 23, 1871. With child.
Ella Bell vs. Jordan Thigpen, May 3, 1872. Child delivered.
Bettie Hardy vs. Daniel Forbes, Dec. 5, 1872. Child delivered.
Laney Peebles vs. Oliver P. Humber, Feb. 12, 1872. Aug. 7, 1871, has delivered child.
Catherine Pugh (colored) vs. Orange Chapman (col.), Dec. 21, 1872. Two male children 2 mo. old.
Sarah Chapman vs. Rufus Nelson, Aug. 9, 1872. With child.
Sallie Ann Herengton (Harrington) vs. Joseph Poller, Mar. 27, 1873. Has a child.
Jane Smith vs. Reuben Rhem, June 14, 1873. Has child.
Genni Wiggins vs. Winsor Tisan, Dec. 3, 1870. With child.
Betty Langley vs. Blunt Carr, Dec. 20, 1873. Has child [?]. Dec. 19, 1873 is with child.
Jane Bryan vs. Richard Burney, Mar. 16, 1872. Has child.
Elender Cannon vs. James Warren, June 7, 1873. Has male child.
Signa Cannon vs. Henry Brown, Oct. 17, 1872. With child.
Henrietta Grimes vs. John Anderson, Aug. 15, 1873. Male child age of 3 mo.
Clarissa Jones vs. John B. Wiloughby, Dec. 4, 1872. With child. May 22, 1873, has delivered child.
Hannah Peables vs. James Herrington, Sept. 1, 1874. Child 13 mo. old.
Jane Dawson, refuses to name father, Apr. 24, 1874. With child.
Jane Tripp vs. William Forrest, July 18, 1872. Child nearly 2 yrs. old.
Catherine Davis (colored) vs. Augustus (Gustus) Moye, July 18, 1872. Has male child between 2–3 yrs. old.
Silvy Perkins vs. Robbert Ralston, Aug. 29, 1874. With child.
Ciddy Nobles, no father named, Dec. 11, 1875. Has girl child named Lizzie about one yr. old.
Lottie Barrett vs. John Foreseyth, Dec. 17, 1875. With child.
America Gaskins vs. Guilford Quinerly, Mar. 26, 1875. Child 3 mo. old.
Betsy (Elizabeth) Moore, alias Betsy Case, vs. Warren Cobb, Apr. 17, 1875.
Mary Craft vs. Spier Weatherington, Apr. 8, 1875. Already delivered.
Sarah Ann McGlohon vs. Craven Sumerell, Mar. 10, 1875. Child 8 weeks old.
Sallie Dewd vs. —refused to name father, Oct. 1, 1875.
Henrietta Galloway, no father named, Oct. 1, 1875. Big with child.
Fillis Dawson, no father named, Oct. 1, 1875. Big with child.
Nelly Bullock, no father named, Oct. 1, 1875. Big with child.
Elsy Deloach vs. Mike Atkinson, Oct. 10, 1875. With child.
Susan Arnold, refused to swear child, Dec. 20, 1875. Big with child.
Ellen Bates, refused to swear child, Oct. 15, 1875. Big with child. Chicod township.
Arminte Teel vs. Lemuel Atkinson, Jan. 27, 1876.

Easter Parker, Oct. 14, 1873. Bastard born. Falkland Township.
Grace Dupree vs. Austin Dupree, Feb. 25, 1875. Female child born June 1874.
Elene Eaborn vs. Anderson Roams (Rome), Aug. 31, 1874. With child.
Mary Randolph vs. Benjamin Telfair, Oct. 4, 1875.
Catharine Tucker vs. Redman Braddy (Brady), Oct. 4, 1875.
Easter Keel vs. father not named, Feb. 25, 1875. Male child born Feb. 1875.
Frances Wooten vs. Wester Langley, Aug. 31, 1874.

List of Pitt County Justices, 1764

Found in the *Records of the States of the United States*, N. C. D. 25.x, reel 1. The microfilm is located in the NC Collection, J. Y. Joyner Library, East Carolina University, Greenville, NC. Contributed by Roger Kammerer.

PITT

Issued 6 December 1760	Edward SALTER	1	1
	John HARDEE	2	2
Jo.n SIMPSON Sherriff	William SPEIRS	3	wont qualify
	John SIMPSON	4	3
Court Day on the last Tuesday February	Edward STAFFORD	5	moved to So. Carolina
	John TYSON	6	4
	George MOY	7	5
May and August November	Francis HOBSON	8	out of the County
	Robert Lance DANIEL	9	6
	John SPEIR	10	Dead
Issued 5 May 1762	Abraham TYSON	11	7
Issued 21 April 1761	Benja. BOWERS	12	8
Issued 1 Jany 1763	Richd. EVANS		9
Novr. 19 1764	Alexr. STEWART		10
	Amos ATKINSON		11
	Cha.s FORBES		12

Hon. John S. Harris

Eastern Reflector, Greenville, NC, Sept. 5, 1894

"Hon. John S. HARRIS, who by the way, raises some of the finest tobacco grown in the county, came down with a load last week. He sold with the Eastern and we are glad to say was well pleased. Mr. HARRIS'S elegant home ten miles from Greenville is a model of all that makes home life happy. His is truly a home of the new South type."

Vines-Speight Family Lawsuit

Contributed by Roger Kammerer. The following are notes from a lawsuit from 1890 that were in File J. 1248, Wilson County Courthouse in 1938. These typewritten notes from 1938 are found in the Tabitha DeVisconti Papers, #480, ECU Manuscript Collection, J. Y. Joyner Library, East Carolina University, Greenville, NC. See also: PCGQ, Vol. 3, Feb. 1996, for photo of Godfrey S. Johnston and wife; PCGQ, Vol. 4, Nov. 1997 for letters concerning the Johnston Family; and PCGQ, Vol. 4, Feb. 1997 for the bible of James Johnston.

Plaintiffs by their Great Aunt Mary V. SMAW, whole sister of Sam VINES and Elizabeth SPEIGHT.
William SMAW- Ellen FARROW- Wm. EBORN- Mary REID- Mary C. WILLIAMS- Martha RIDDLE- Ellen BARNARD- Sally EBORN- Margaret CLOSS- Sophia WILLIAMSON- Flavius SMAW- Anne CUTHRELL- Laura BROWN- Sam WHITE.

Sam VINES died intestate 18th Nov. 1844.
Latita JOHNSTON who was a neice of Sam VINES and second cousin of Cora B. WARD left issue:
Franklin JOHNSTON a son of one of the plaintiffs.
Robt. JOHNSTON, dead leaving issue the plaintiffs: R. N. JOHNSTON, Martha BROOKS, I. N. JOHNSTON, M. A. WILLIAMS, James JOHNSTON, Louvinia BITTIS; also Chas. JOHNSTON another son of Latitia JOHNSTON who is dead leaving issue the plaintiff Charles H. JOHNSTON; also James JOHNSTON another son of Latitia JOHNSTON who is dead leaving issue the plaintiffs: G. S. JOHNSTON, J. H. JOHNSTON, J. F. JOHNSTON, Mary T. OWEN, H. A. MOORE wife of T. J. MOORE.
H. A. MOORE is dead leaving issue the plaintiffs: Ella MOORE, Corrinne FELTON, Milton MOORE, Calle ELLIS and Mary MOORE.
John Vines JOHNSTON, another son of Latitia JOHNSTON who is dead leaving issue: Olivia JOHNSTON, Fanny JOHNSTON, Bettie JOHNSTON and John JOHNSTON.
Latitia EVANS, daughter of Latitia JOHNSTON who is dead leaving issue: William EVANS, Stephen EVANS, Joe EVANS and James EVANS.
Stephen JOHNSTON, another son of Latitia JOHNSTON who is dead leaving issue the plaintiff S. M. JOHNSTON.
Mary SUMMERELL, daughter of Latitia JOHNSTON who is dead leaving issue the plaintiffs: Latitia DUPREE and M. L. ROUNTREE.
Martha STANCILL, daughter of Latitia JOHNSTON who is dead leaving issue the plaintiffs: R. W. STANCILL, Nathan STANCILL, Jas. STANCILL, Godfrey STANCILL, T. J. STANCILL, Ella STANCILL, Alice STANCILL, Josephine STANCILL, Emma STANCILL, Virginia FORBES and Olivia HODGES.

Charlie VINES, son of Jno. VINES who was a brother of Samuel VINES.
Charles VINES had issue:
John VINES, who is dead and has issue: Mary SUGGS, Olivia BARNES and Linda COBB.
Charles VINES Jr., who is dead and has issue the plaintiffs: T. B. VINES, W. W. VINES, J. T. VINES, C. C. VINES, Martha W. COOK, Nannie V. TERRELL and Mary V. BROWN, wife of G. E. BROWN, who is dead leaving issue the plaintiff Lula BROWN.
Latitia Vines NEWTON

Questions asked Jas. P. SPEIGHT at time of action in 1890; Jas. P. SPEIGHT grandson of Capt. Seth SPEIGHT, aged 76 in 1890.

Question: State if you know of your own knowledge or from report in your family connections, how many brothers and sisters Samuel VINES left him surviving, or if dead had issue living at Cora B. WARD's death?
Answer: one half brother by the name of John VINES, then my grandmother Elizabeth SPEIGHT and Mary SMAW were his own sisters. Elizabeth SPEIGHT was the wife of Seth SPEIGHT Sr., and Mary SMAW the wife of Thomas SMAW and daughters of William VINES, the father of Samuel VINES. They all left issue living at Cora B. WARD's death.

Question: Who were the issue of Elizabeth SPEIGHT?

Answer:
(1) William Vines SPEIGHT
(2) Seth SPEIGHT Jr.
(3) Thos. SPEIGHT
(4) Mary S. GIBBONS
(5) Fanny S. HARPER
(6) Lemon SPEIGHT
(7) Nancy S. POPE
(8) Jesse SPEIGHT

William Vines SPEIGHT had issue: Elizabeth S. STANTON, Harriet S. DARDEN wife of W. A. DARDEN Sr., Temperance LITTLE wife of Wm. LITTLE, Nancy LITTLE wife of Seth LITTLE, Edwin G. SPEIGHT now dead- no issue.
Seth SPEIGHT Jr. had issue: Jas. P. SPEIGHT
Thos. SPEIGHT had issue: Thomas L. SPEIGHT, Elizabeth SPEIGHT, Jno. S. SPEIGHT, Louis Skidmore SPEIGHT, and Cicero SPEIGHT.
Mary S. GIBBONS had issue: Elizabeth HARPER wife of Ormond HARPER, Nancy HARPER wife of Jno. HARPER, Marinda MOSELEY wife of Matthew MOSELEY, Mary Lassiter wife of Stephen LASSITER, Jas. GIBBONS, Seth GIBBONS, and Henry H. GIBBONS.
Fanny S. HARPER had issue: John J. HARPER, Wm. HARPER, Harriet HARPER and Martha HARPER.
Lemon SPEIGHT had issue: Nancy S. DERING, Celia S. JOYNER, and Mary S. BEAMAN.
Nancy S. POPE died leaving no issue.
Jesse SPEIGHT had issue the plaintiffs: Maria S. HOLLIDAY wife of Jno. HOLLIDAY, Penelope S. CANNON wife of Thos. CANNON, Elizabeth DIXON wife of Samuel DIXON and Joseph W. SPEIGHT.

Homecoming 2001 for the Tripp Family

233 Years in Pitt County, NC
Saturday, June 23, 2001
12:00 Noon

Ryan's Family Restaurant
3437 S. Memorial Dr.; Greenville, NC
(252) 355-3111
Dutch lunch (plus 15% gratuity)

Come and share your old family photos, documents, and memories of our ancestors. Renew old acquaintances, meet new relatives, and maybe win a prize! Bring your camera!

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Harry Harris, Revolutionary War Soldier

The following petition is found in the *General Assembly Session Records*, Petitions, Nov. 1821-Jan. 1822, NC Archives, Raleigh, NC. Contributed by Roger Kammerer.

"To the General Assembly of the State of North Carolina
The Petition of Harry HARRIS humbly Sheweth.
That your Petitioner enlisted as a private in Capt. MOORES Company in the 10th Regiment of the North Carolina Continental line for three and served out his tour as will appear by the Muster Rolls. That he has never received any warrant for his bounty lands nor authorised any other person to receive the same for him. He therefore prays that you would take his case under Consideration and grant him such relief as in your wisdom may be right & he as in duly bound will ever pray

Harry HARRIS

State of North Carolina Pitt County
this Day Came Before me Rodrick CHERRY one of the Justices of the Peace in and for the County of Pitt Mr Harry HARRIS of Said County and after Being first Duly Sworn in Due form Deposeth and Sayeth as follows to wit that he the Deponant was a Continental Soldier in the Revolutionary war and in the North Carolina Line and the Deponant further Say that to the Best of his knowledge that he Did Inlist near about the 7th of June 1777 for three years and under Capt MOORE and was Attached to the tenth Ridgement and marched first to the North and then to the South and after his time of Service was Discharged and is now Living in the County of Pitt North Carolina and the Deponant further Sayeth and that on his oath that he has not Drawn his warrant nor Directed any Person to Draw the same and he the Deponant further Sayeth and that on his oath that he has not Sold Conveyed nor Transfered his Right and title of the above Claim to any Person or Persons what Ever and further this Deponant Sayeth not Sworn to and Subscribed Before me this 11th December 1821 Harry [his H marke] HARRIS {Seal}
Attest Rodrick CHERRY JP

State of North Carolina Pitt County we the two Justices of the Peace whos names are under written Doe hereby Certify that Harry HARRIS of Said County is aman of high Credibility and that full faith and Credit has and ought to be given to his Testamoney as Such, and has Been given from his youth up to this Day December 12th 1821 R. CHERRY JP {Seal}
Jos BLOUNT JP {Seal}

State of North Carolina Pitt County} I Alexander EVANS Clerk of the County Court of Pitt do hereby Certify that Roderick CHERRY and Joseph BLOUNT are acting Justices of the Peace for the County aforesaid & that due faith & Credit hath been given them as Such given under my hand and Seal of office in Greensville this the 12th of December 1821

Alexander EVANS CLK

State of North Carolina Pitt County
this Day Came Before me Rodrick CHERRY one of the Justices of the Peace in and for said County Mr William O. BRYAN and after Being Duly Sworn in Due form According to Law Deposeth and Sayeth as follows to wit. that he the Deponant was well knowing to the Enlistment of Harry HARRIS of Pitt County for so his name has Ever Been Cald Before the Revolutionary war and since, and the Deponant further sayeth and that on his oath that to the Best of his knowledge that Said Harry HARRIS Enlisted on or about the 7th of June 1777 for three years under Capt MOORS Command and was Attached to the tenth Redgement and marched first to the North and then to the South and after his Return home tooke up his Residence in the County of Pitt North Carolina whare he is now Living. and the Deponant further Sayeth and that on his oath that Said Harry HARRIS has often told him the Deponant that he has never Drawn his Claim of Land for his Millitary Servics and knew not to Com at the Same and further this Deponant Sayeth not Sworn to and Subcribed Before me this 10th December 1821
Atest R. CHERRY J. P. William O [his + marke] BRYAN {Seal}"

New Bern District Court Cases

The following court cases were taken from the New Bern District, Criminal Action Papers, DSCR 206. 326. 3, NC Archives, Raleigh, NC. Contributed by Roger Kammerer.

"State vs David ADAMS Indictment for Murder
State of North Carolina
Newbern District March Term 1792}
The Jurors for the State upon their oath present that David ADAMS late of Beaufort County plantor not having the fear of God before his Eyes but being moved and seduced by the instigation of the Devil on the second day of October in the year of our Lord one thousand seven hundred and ninety one, and in the Sixteenth Year of American Independance with force and arms in the County of Beaufort aforesaid in and upon One Anthony MILLS in the peace of God and the State then and there being, feloniously Wilfully, and of his malice aforethought did make an assault. And that the said David ADAMS with both his hands and feet, he the said Anthony MILLS to and against the ground, then and there feloniously wilfully and of his malice aforethought did cast, throw, and pull down, and the same Anthony MILLS so upon the ground lying he the said David ADAMS with both hands and feet of him the said David ADAMS, the said Anthony MILLS in and upon the Head, breast, back, stomach, and Sides, of the said Anthony MILLS then and there feloniously, wilfully, and of his malice aforethought, did strike, beat, and kick, giving to the said Anthony MILLS aswell by the casting throwing and pulling down of him the said Anthony MILLS, with both the hands and <u>and</u> feet of him the said David ADAMS in manner aforesaid Several mortal bruises, the said Anthony MILLS languished from the said second day of October till the morning of the third day being the day following in the year aforesaid in the County of Beaufort aforesaid, and languishing did live, on which said third day of October in the said sixteenth year of American independence as aforesaid in the same year being the day following, the said Anthony MILLS in the said county of Beaufort of the said several mortal bruises aforesaid died, and so the Jurors aforesaid upon their oath aforesaid do say that the said David ADAMS the said Anthony MILLS in manner and form aforesaid feloniously, wilfully and of his malice aforethought did kill and murder against the peace and dignity of the State."

"State of North Carolina}
District of Newbern} State vs Willam ALDRIDGE Indictment for Murder
Superior Court of Law March Term 1794
The Jurors for the State upon their oath present that William ALDRIDGE late of the County of Lenoir within the district of Newbern aforesaid Bricklayer not having the fear of God before his eyes but being moved and seduced by the instigation of the Devil on the twenty third day of December in the year of our Lord one thousand seven hundred and ninety three and in the nineteenth year of the Independance of the State, with force and arms in the County of Lenoir within the district of Newbern aforesaid in and upon the body of one Jesse FARMER in the peace of God and the State then and there being feloniously wilfully and of his malice afore thought did make an assault and that the said William ALDRIDGE in his right hand then and there had and held the said Jesse FARMER in and upon the left side of the belly near the groin of him the said Jesse FARMER then and there feloniously wilfully and of his malice aforethought did strike wound and thrush, giving to the said Jesse FARMER then and there with the knife aforesaid in and upon the aforesaid left side of the belly near the groin of him the said Jesse FARMER One mortal wound of the breadth of two Inches and of the depth of two Inches of which said mortal wound the said Jesse FARMER from the said twenty third day of december in the year aforesaid untill the twenty ninth day of the same month december in the same year in the County of Lenoir aforesaid with in the district of Newbern aforesaid did languish and languishing did live on which said twenty ninth day of December in the year aforesaid in the County of Lenoir aforesaid within the district aforesaid of the said mortal wound so then and there given as aforesaid died. And so the Jurors aforesaid upon their oath aforesaid do say that the said William ALDRIDGE the said Jesse FARMER in manner and form aforesaid, feloniously wilfully and of his malice aforethought did kill and murder against the peace and dignity of the State. "

"The State vs Solomon CHERRY et al. Indt: Riot
Newbern District May Term 1790
The Jurors for the State upon their oath present that, Solomon CHERRY, William CHERRY, Charles WALDOM and Willis CHERRY late of Pitt County yeomen, John SMITH, John COUNSEL, Frederick JONES and John EDMUNDSON late of Martin County yeomen and David MAY, Thomas JENKINS, Walker NIGHT and Jesse NIGHT late of Edgecombe County yeomen, on the fifth day of April, in the year of our Lord one thousand seven hundred and ninety, and in the fourteenth year of the Independance of the State, with force and arms, in the county of Dobbs, in the said District, did unlawfully, riotously and routously assemble and gather together to disturb the peace of the State, and being then and there so assembled and gathered together the dwelling house of one John WORSLEY then and there with force and arms against the will of the said John WORSLEY, unlawfully, riotously and routously did enter, and in and upon the said John WORSLEY in the peace of God and thye State then and there being, with force and arms then and there unlawfully, riotously and routously did make an assault, and him the said John WORSLEY then and there with force and arms, against his will and without any legal warrant authority or justifiable cause, unlawfully, riotously and routously did imprison and detain for the space of six hours, and other wrongs to him then and there unlawfully, riotously and routously did, to his great damage and against the peace and dignity of the State. A. MOORE Att Genl."

"New bern District
Superior Court of Law November Term 1790.
The Jurors for the State upon their oath present that Thomas SUMMERLAINE late of Pitt County Yeoman in the Twenty eighth day of February in the year of our Lord one Thousand seven hundred and eighty nine, and in the thirteenth year of the Independence of the State, with force and arms in the County of Pitt in the said District, in and upon John WORSLEY then and there with force and arms, unlawfully, injuriously and against the Will of said John WORSLEY without any legal Warrant, Authority or justifiable cause, did Imprison and detain for the space of six hours, and other Wrongs to him, then and there did against the peace and dignity of the State. A. MOOR E Att Genl"

"New bern District
Superior Court of Law November Term 1790.
The Jurors for the State upon their oath present that Hardy SMITH late of Pitt County yeoman, on the fifth Day of february, in the year of our Lord one thousand seven hundred and ninety, and in the fourteenth year of the Independence of the State, with force and arms, in the County and District aforesaid, in and upon Abraham ADAMS, in the peace of God and the State then and there being did make an assault, and him the said ABRAHAM then and there did beat, wound, and ill treat, and other wrongs to him then and there did, against the peace and dignity of the State. A. MOOR Att Genl."

The following court cases were taken from the New Bern District, Criminal Action Papers, DSCR 206. 326. 4, NC Archives, Raleigh, NC. Contributed by Roger Kammerer.

"State of North Carolina}
Newbern District} Superior Court of Law Sept Term 1797
The Jurors for the State upon their oath present that Francis MEEKS late of the County of Glasgow Yoeman, Merritt MEEKS late of the same County also Yoeman and Allen MEEKS late of the same County also Yoeman with force and arms at the County of Glasgow in the District of Newbern unlawfully riotously and routously did assemble and gather together to disturb the peace of the said State and being so assembled and gathered together and upon one Nathaniel NICHOLS in the peace of God and this State then and there being unlawfully, riotously and routously did make an assault and him the said Nathaniel NICHOLS then and there unlawfully riotously and routously did beat wound and ill treat so that his life

was greatly dispaired of and other wrongs to him the said Nathaniel NICHOLS then and there unlawfully riotously & routously did to the great damage of the said Nathaniel NICHOLS & against the peace and dignity of the State. Blake Baker Atto Genl"

"State No. Carolina}
Anson County}
Be it remembered that Merit MEEKS, Redding MEEKS, Jonas MEEKS Britan MEEKS all of the State and county aforesaid came before me John JENNINGS high Sheriff of Anson County and acknowledged themselves indebted to the State in the sum of Five Hundred pounds good & lawfull Money to be levied and collected off their goods and chattels Lands and Tenements To be void on condition that Merit MEEKS do make his personal appearance at & before the Judges of our superior Court of Law to be held for the District of Newbern at the Court House in Newbern on the Nineteenth day of September next then and there to answer the State upon a Bill of Indictment against him and others for a Riot and not depart thence without the Leave of the Court. July 31st 1798.

Test R,h,d Farr CRAWFORD Dsh

Merit MEEKS {Seal}
Jonas MEEKS {Seal}
Britain MEEKS {Seal}
Reading MEEKS {Seal}"

"State of North Carolina
Pleas at Pitt County before Robert WILLIAMS Esqr. and other Justices of the County Court of Pleas and Quarter Sessions for the county aforesaid of the Term of April 1795.

State of North Carolina
Pitt County} of the Term of April A. D. 1795
The Jurors for the Body of Pitt County do upon their oaths present and say that Benjamin BUCK of said County is one of the Constables of the County of Pitt aforesaid & was one of the constables of said County Legally & properly appointed by the County Court of said County on 4th day of February last & as such had & held in his hands an Execution against William TAYLOR at the Suit & instance of John TAYLOR by virtue of which said Execution he the said Benjamin BUCK secretly & Fraudulently & with a design and intention to injure defraud & oppress a certain John HADDOCK levied & took into his the said Benjamins Possession a certain Negro slave named Bob the property of the said John HADDOCK and with a design further to injure & oppress the said HADDOCK the said BUCK, concealed his said Levy from the said HADDOCK & neglected to advertise the sale of the said Negro slave at any reasonable time or place, but proceeded in a secret and fraudulant manner to sell the said Negro & did actually sell the said slave at an unseasonable of the day (to wit) at eight O' Clock in the forenoon of the said fourth day of February, when but four Persons were present & himself bid off the said Negro slave at the price of Twenty pounds or there abouts, when the said slave was well worth one Hundred & Twenty pounds and the Jurors aforesaid present & say that the said Benjamin BUCK artfully & Secretly took said Negro into his possession under colour of said Executor with an intention to injure the said HADDOCK, that with the same corrupt and wicked intention he failed to advertise the said boy and sale in a reasonable time & place and that to effect the same wicked & unjust design he sold the said property at the said unusual and unseasonable time and for the sum aforesaid all which actings and doings the Jurors aforesd. upon their Oaths as aforesaid do say were Contrary to the duties of his said office of Constable, to the great damage of the said John HADDOCK to the evil Example of all others in the like case offending and against the peace & Dignity of the State. S. W. ARNETT Atto. fr the State

John HADDOCK Prosecutor
John HADDOCK, James GORHAM, William ELKS, Stephen BROOKS, Thomas JONES} Witnesses sworn and Sent Geo. EVANS CLK
Returned a True Bill signed Arthur FORBES foreman

Pitt County Wills

William Ross, 1856

Wb. 1, p. 28, Pitt County Court House, Greenville, NC. Transcribed and contributed by Elizabeth Ross.

"In the Name of God Amen; I William ROSS of the State of North Carolina and County of Pitt being of Sound and perfect Mind and Memory blessed be God do this fifth day of November in the year of our Lord One Thousand and Eight Hundred and Fifty Six make and publish this My Last Will and Testament in maner following, that is to Say (vz) first I lend to my well beloved Wife Rebecca ROSS during her natural life Two Fether Beds and thear nessasery fernature, also all of My household and kitchen furniture also all of my meat and land my corn and fodder Ten fat Hogs of her choys. Two Horses of her choys, Two Sows and Pigs Two cows and caves all of my sheep, all of my farming utensals, also One gun Boat, one Cart, all of my pottery, also one Negro Man by the name of Sam, One Negro wom. by the Name Anacu during her life or Widowhood.
Item. I give unto My Son William A ROSS One Negro girl by the name of Mary and her increas after my deth.
Item. I give unto My Son John L. ROSS one Negro girl by the name of Tabitha and increase after my deth.
Item. I give unto My Son James R. ROSS One Negro girl by the name Ginney and her increase after my deth.
Item. I give unto my Son Samuel R. ROSS Negro girl by the name of Amey and her increas after deth, also one Fether Bed and its nessaccery furntirue, One Cow and Calf, Two Eves and Lamb, Six Stacks of Bees, also I leve in the hand of my Son Samuel R. Ross for the good maintainance and intreatment of My daughter Sarah ROSS, One Fether Bed and its nessacery furniture, one chest, one Cow and Calf, Two Eves and Lambs, also one Negro boy by the name of Wilie, this property that I leve in the hands of my Son Samuel R. ROSS is to be sold at her deth and equelly divided betwixt William A. ROSS, John L. ROSS, James ROSS, Samuel R. ROSS, Hannah E. OVERTON and Isebella ROEBUCK.
Item. I give to My Daughter Hannah E. OVERTON one Negro girl by the name of Meriney and her increase after my death, also a Small Strap of Land Beginning at a poplar the said Hannah OVERTONs Corner Running A Strate Loin [line] to the Winn Loin thens [thence] with said Winns Loin to the Said Hannah E. OVERTONs Loin thens with the said Loin to the Beginning containing Fifteen Acres More or Less to have and to hold.
Item. I give unto My Daughter Isebella ROBUCK One Negro girl Gatsy and her increas after my deth. Also this property that I lend to my wife at her deth is to be sold and of the Money arising from that Sale I give to my little grand Daughter Lemeryan Leviney ROSS Three Hundred Dollars to be paid to her at the age of Twenty One years by my Executors if She is then living and if dead or at her deth this Money is to be divided Equally betwix William A. ROSS, John L. ROSS and James R. ROSS, The residue of the Money arising from that Sale is to be Equally divided betwixt William A. ROSS, John L. ROSS, and James R. ROSS; the property left out of this Will is to be sold and After paying my Just debts the residue to be Equally divided betwixt William A. ROSS, John L. ROSS, James R. ROSS, Samuel ROSS, Hannah E. OVERTON and Isebella ROBUCK and I hereby Make and ordain my Sons William A. ROSS and Samuel R. ROSS Executors of this My last Will and Testament in witness whereof I Set My hand and Seal the day and year above written.

Attest Jesse BARNHILL William ROSS {Seal}
John F. WHICHARD

August Term 1859 Court of Pleas & Quarter Session of Pitt County
The foregoing paper writing purporting to be the last will & Testament of William ROSS Decd was exhibited in open Court and duly proved according to Law by the oath of Jesee BARNHILL & John F. WHICHARD the two Subscribing witnesses to the Same and ordered to be Recorded: then came forward William A. Ross one of the Executors therein named and duly Qualified as Such.
Attest H. SHEPPARD Clerk"

Jesse Chapman, 1861

Wb. 1, p. 79, Pitt County Court House, Greenville, NC. Transcribed and contributed by Elizabeth Ross.

"State of North Carolina Pitt County
Know all men by these presents that I Jesse CHAPMAN posesing a Sound disposing mind do make and ordain this my last will and testatment hereby revoking all others by me made here to fore in manner and form following viz:
Item 1st I give to my beloved wife Polly CHAPMAN the following negro Slaves. Simon and Elen. also my money and Notes and all my Stock of every kind. Cattle, Hogs, and Sheep—after Selling enough to pay my debts—all my house hold and kitchen furniture, after my death
Item 2nd I lend unto my beloved mother Eliza OKELY my track of land that my Grand Father, James ADAMS, give to me her lifetime and after her death I give the same land to my Brother Freeman OKELY to him and his heirs forever.
Item 3rd I give and bequeath to my Sister Lovey LATHINGHOUSE my track of land that I bought adjoining Thomas ADAMS John ADAMS and others, after my death to her and her heirs forever.
Item 4th and lastly I nominate and appoint my wife Polly CHAPMAN Sole Executor to this my last will and testament in testimony I have hereunto Set my hand and seal.
This 3rd day of Sept. AD 1861
Sign in the presence of Jesse (his mark) CHAPMAN {Seal}
Lewis H. SMITH
Jesse F. CHAPMAN"

Josiah D. Albritton, 1862

Wb. 1, p. 79, Pitt County Court House, Greenville, NC. Transcribed and contributed by Elizabeth Ross.

"I, Josiah D. ALBRITTON of the County of Pitt and State of North Carolina being in Sound mind and memory but owing to the unsertny of my earthly existance do hereby make this paper writing to be my last will and testament in maner and form as follows that is to Say Exetor herafter named Shall prepare for my body a desent buriel Suteble to the wishes of my friends and shall pay all funeral expences first out of the estate which may go into his hands together with all of my just dept to be next paid. Item the first — I gave and bequeath all of my estate real personal or mixt to my wife Peny ALBRITTON to hold to herself and the lawful hares of her body born and I do hereby constitute and appoint my friend Samuel H. LANGLY my Exetor to all tents and purposes to execute this my last will and testament acording to my wishes here Set forth. Sined in the presents of two Subscribing witness. — June the 20. 1862.
Test.
Jas. L. PAUL Josiah D. ALBRITTON {Seal}
Randolph MOORE"

Mutual Aid Society

Eastern Reflector, Wed. Aug. 29, 1888

NORTH CAROLINA Pitt County} In Office of Superior Court.
Notice is hereby given of the Incorporation of the Queen Esther Mutual Aid Society; that the names of the incorporators are Jesse E. HOLLIDAY, Fanny E. HOLIDAY, Jorganner WILLAY, James HOLLIDAY, Spencer PAYTON, Simon PAYTON, Simon TETTON, Millis TETTON, Hoyt LITTLE, Toney FORMAN, Maria PAYTON, Colonel HOLLIDAY, and such others as they may associate with them; that the place of business shall be in Pitt county North Carolina, and its general purpose and business is "for the relief of sick and disabled members and defraying expenses of their burial and extending other charities to dependent members," that the duration of the corporation shall be thirty years, with no capital stock.
E. A. MOYE Clerk Superior Court

Bible Records

Jonas Williams Bible

This record came from the Jonas Williams Bible, printed in 1849, that was in the possession of Mrs. Lydia Bailey, Tarboro, NC in 1948. It was presented as part of a Williams/Forrest Family history that appeared in Guilford Battle Chapter, NSDAR, Greensboro, NC, Misc. Records, 1960, NC Archives. Contributed by Roger Kammerer.

William Forrest, b. 31 Oct. 1761
Winney Williams, b. 25 Sept. 1791
Elizabeth Ann Williams, b. 12 July 1823
Emely Williams, b. 17 April 1825
Mary Ann Lucretia Williams. b. 9 May 1826
William Forrest Williams, b. 16 June 1827
Thomas Williams, b. 15 Nov. 1829
John H. Williams, b. 16 July 1831
Elizabeth Williams, b. 5 March 1851
Martha Churchill, d. June 12, 1853 Member of Church of Christ at Hookerton
William Forrest Williams, son of Dove M. Williams & Winford, his wife, born June 16, 1827
Zeloty Williams, daughter of Jesse Hart and Mary, his wife was born April 20, 1832
Jesse Marcellus Williams, son of Wm F. Williams & Zeloty, his wife, was born Dec. 13, 1854
Wm. F. Williams & Zeloty Hart married Feb. 28, 1854
Winneford Williams, died Oct. 15, 1855
Emely Dail, died 4 Feb. 1883
Wm. F. Williams, died 25 Nov. 1885
John Pate, son of Joseph Pate and Elizabeth Pate, his wife, born Sept. 22, 1783
Giddel Pate, born Aug. 7, 1786
Elizabeth Pate, born Feb. 21, 1788
Wm. Pate, born Feb. 22, 1790
Jack Pate, son of Joseph Pate and Elizabeth Pate, his wife, born Aug. 4, 1794
Nancy Pate, born June 4, 1794
Sarah Pate, born Dec. 22, 1796
Mary Ann Pate, born Feb. 24, 1799
Marthey Pate, born July 19, 1803

Warren, a negro boy, born 9 April 1810
Sory, a negro girl, born Jan. 1821
Daniel, a negro boy, born Dec. 1835
Sory, a negro girl, born Oct. 1849
Rose, a negro girl, born Aug., 1851
Charles, a negro boy, was born (date torn off)

Wm. T. Williams & Martha W. Lewis married Oct. 2, 1887
Mary Jane Williams born April 8, 1829
Thos. Williams, born Nov. 19, 1829, d. April 11, 1902

Spencer S. Harris Bible

This record was transcribed in 1997 by Mrs. Elizabeth Harris Sparrow from the Spencer S. Harris bible in possession of his great-granddaughter, Mrs. Edna Foust Harris Dixon, of Farmville, NC. The title pages in the front are missing, but the page introducing the New Testament states: " The New Testament of our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ, translated out of the Original Greek, and with the Former Translations Diligently Compared and Revised. Stereotyped, printed and published by H. & E. Phinney, Cooperstown, N. Y., and sold by them at their book-store, and by the booksellers generally in the United States. 1832" Contributed by and annotated by Mrs. Elizabeth Harris Sparrow.

FAMILY RECORD

Marriages:
Spencer S. Harris and Mary Dudley was married the 9th day of February 1826
Spencer S. Harris and Margaret D. Taylor was married the 20th day of May 1830
Sarah Ann Harris and John Randolph was married the 25th day of July 1854
Henry Harris and Annie S. Thompson was married the 6th day of October 1857
L. Victoria Harriss and W. L. Dew were married the 11th day of July 1867
John S. Harriss and Emma L. Foust were married the 13th day of Dec. 1870
Henry Harris and Jennie Bynum were married the 23 day of October 1881
William T. Harris and Nannie Dew were married the 22nd day of Aug 1887
Elias S. Harriss and Ida B. Creech were married the 3rd day of August 1887
May M. Harriss and Robert B. Whitehead were married the 16th day of December 1896

Births:
Henry Harriss Son of Timothy Harriss was born the 15th day Jany 1759
Spencer S. Harriss son of Henry Harriss was born the 20th of Aug 1805
Margaritt Harriss wife of S. S. Harriss was born Jany 10th 1801
Spencer Harriss son of S. S. Harriss and Mary his wife was born 11the of May 1828
Mary Harriss daughter of S. S. Harriss and Margarett his wife was born the 10th day of May 1831
Henry Harriss, son of S. S. Harriss and Margarett his wife, was born the 17th of September 1832
Sarah Ann Harriss daughter of S. S. and Margarett his wife was born 11th of July 1834
Margarett Jane Harriss daughter of S. S. Harriss and Margarett his wife was born the 24th of Octr 1836
Elisabeth Harriss daughter of S. S. Harriss and Margarett his wife was born the 16th of September 1838
L. Victoria Harriss daughter of S. S. Harriss and Margarett his wife was born the 17th of September 1840
John S. Harriss Son of S. S. Harriss and Margarett his wife was born the 10th of September 1843
William T. Harriss son of S. S. Harriss and Margarett his wife was born the 17th of May 1846

Deaths:
Mary Harriss wife of Spencer S. Harriss departed this life the 11th of May 1828

Richard Harriss son of S. S. and Mary his wife died the 9th of April 1836. (Crossed out) [This Richard Harriss may have been Spencer S. Harriss's uncle, the brother of Henry Harris (b. Jan. 15, 1759, d. by 1826)]

Spencer Harriss son of S. S. and Margarett Harriss his wife died the 4th of September 1838. [Although Margarett raised this son, Spencer actually was the son of Mary, not Margarett. He was born May 11, 1828, the day that his mother, Mary, died]

Mary Harriss daughter of S. S. and Margarett Harriss his wife died 29th of Sept. 1841
Margarett Jane Harriss daughter of S. S. and Margarett Harriss his wife departed this life 13th of August 1852
Jesse S. Randolph son of John and Sarah Ann Randolph died 17th of August 1855
Sarah Ann Randolph wife of John Randolph and daughter of S. S. and Margarett Harriss his wife died 28th of August 1855
Bettie Harriss daughter of S. S. Harriss and Margarett his wife died 22nd of August 1858
Emma L. Harriss, wife of John S. Harris died Oct. 1st 1901
John S. Harris son of Spenser S. Harris Died Oct. 20th 1908
William T. Harris son of Spenser S. Harris Died March 19th 1905

Miscellaneous:
On the inside front cover of the bible is a list of names written in pencil: Henry, Sherrod, Ishmael, Daniel, David, Collins, Jesse. Three of these names are also written on the inside back cover of the Bible:
Ishmeal, negro of Spencer Harris, was born June the 25, 1855.
Henry was born March the 5, 1855.
Sherard was born June the 1, 1855.

John Spencer Harris Bible

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FAMILY RECORD

Marriages:
John S. Harris and Emma L. Foust were married December the 13th. 1870
Maggie May Harris and Robert B Whitehead were married December 16th 1896.
John T. Harris and Vivian Parker were married Oct. 23rd 1907.
Henry S. Harris & Susie Seville were married August 18, 1908.
Wm. Howard Harris & Hulda Louise Dixon were married Jan. 16th 1912.
Edna Foust Harris and John Daniel Dixon were married Apr. 20, 1938
Vivian Parker Harris and William Hubert Taylor were married July 4, 1936.
Mary Alice Harris and Charles J. Howell were married Apr. 21, 1946
James Edward Harris and Mary Paul were married Apr. 20, 1946
John D. Dixon, Jr. & Linda Sue Street 1964
Su-Su (Edna Foust II) Dixon & Walter Rex Hodges Jr. married 1969
Vivian Lu Dixon & Robert Allen Manekin married 1972

Births:
John Spencer Harris was born September the 10th 1843
Emma Lockhart Foust was born October the 11th 1851
Maggie May Harris daughter of Emma L. and John S. Harris was born Nov. 29th 1871.
Henry Spencer Harris son of Emma L. and John S. Harris was born Jan 4th 1874
Charles Frederick Harris son of Emma L. and John S. Harris was born Jan 17th 1876
Elizabeth Rowena Harris daughter of Emma L. and John S. Harris was born Jan. 16th, 1879
John Thomas Harris son of Emma L. and John S Harris was born Jan. 19th. 1882
Emma Lena Harris daughter of Emma L. and John S Harris was born July 24th. 1886
William Howard Harris, son of Emma L. and John S. Harris was born Nov. 13. 1890.
Elizabeth Whitehead daughter of May H. & Robert B. Whitehead was born Oct. 2nd 1897.
Edna Foust Harris daughter of Vivian P. and John T. Harris was born Sept. 27th 1908.
Henry Spencer Harris Jr. son of Susie S. and Henry S. Harris was born Nov. 4th 1909.
John Thomas Harris Jr. son of Vivian P. and John T. Harris was born June 25th 1910
Vivian Parker Harris daughter of Vivian P. and John T. Harris was born July 2, 1913.
Mary Alice Harris daughter of Vivian P. and John T. Harris was born May 27, 1915
Joseph Parker Harris son of Vivian P. and John T. Harris was born Apr. 3, 1912 died June 27 1912
Francis Holt Harris son of Vivian P. and John T. Harris was born July 11, 1921 died Dec. 10, 1921
Jas. Edward Harris son of Jno. T & Vivian was born May 22, 1922
Wm Thos. Harris, son of Howard & Louise Harris was born Oct. 7, 1912
Richard Dixon Harris, son of Howard & Louise Harris, born Mch 20 1914
David Thurman Harris, son of Howard & Louise Harris, born Dec 20, 1915
Allen Moore Harris, son of Howard & Louise Harris, born Jan. 30, 1919
James Howard Harris, son of Howard & Louise Harris, born Apr. 13, 1921
John Daniel Dixon Jr., son of Edna Foust Harris & John D. Dixon was born 1940
Edna Foust (Su-Su) Dixon daughter of Edna Foust Harris & John D. Dixon was born 1945
Vivian Lu Dixon daughter of Edna Foust Harris & John D. Dixon, was born 1948
Jo Anne Taylor, daughter of Vivian Parker Harris & Wm Hubert Taylor was born 1940

Deaths:
Emma Lena died July 4th 1887 nearly one year old
Bettie died Feb. 25. 1889. Aged ten years and nine days.

Emma L. Harris wife of John S. Harris. Died Oct. 1st 1901.
John S. Harris died Oct. 20th 1908.
Henry S. Harris, died Nov. 1st 1911
Wm Howard Harris died Oct. 2, 1921
John T. Harris died Sept. 3, 1958
Vivian Parker Harris, wife of John Thomas Harris died Mch. 22, 1929
May Whitehead Moore, died

Major Clarke Bible

Taken from a typewritten copy found in the NC Bible Records, Book C, NC Archives, Raleigh, NC.
Contributed by Roger Kammerer.

Major Clarke, son of John Clarke and Mary, his wife was born October, 1727, and died the 23 of Feb in the year of Our Lord 1786.
Mary Clarke wife of Major Clarke was born Oct 27 in the year of our Lord Christ 1732.
Major and Mary were married March 29th 1755.
Ann Clarke daughter of Major Clarke and Mary his wife was born Oct 28th in the year of our Lord Christ 1757.
William Clarke, son of Major Clarke and Mary Clarke was born Oct 27th, in the year of our Lord Christ 1758.
Mary Clarke daughter of Major Clarke and Mary Clarke was born July 22 in the year of our Lord Christ 1762.
Elizabeth Clarke daughter of Major Clarke and Mary his wife was born March 31st 1764.
Henry Clarke son of Major Clarke was born July 17th 1767.
Samuel Clarke son of Major Clarke and Mary his wife was born Feb 19th 1776.

SLAVES
Frank was born May 4th (page torn)
Cal was " " Nov 5th
_____ " " " 9th
Isaac " " June 24th
Sutton " " Sep 2 171__ (?)
Dinah was born Sep 5 17___
Gabe " " July 15th 1779
Prince " " March 20th 1780
Tom was born Nov 1782
Merear was born Nov 8th 1784
Jacob was born March 23rd 178__

Christian Clarke daughter of John Clarke and Ann his wife was born the 26th of Apri: 1742.
Ann Clarke daughter of John Clarke and his wife was born the 21st of July 174__.
George Clarke son of Henry Clarke and Hannah his wife was born the 8th day 174__.
David Clarke son of John Clarke and Ann his wife was born the 13th day of Nov 1747.
Overton Clarke son of Major Clarke was born the 2nd Feb 1751.
Mary Clark daughter of H. Y. Clarke and Elizabeth Clarke his wife was born 8th of July 1790.
Samuel Clarke son of Major Clarke and Fanny Wilkins were joined in holy wedlock the 11th day of June 1801.
Fanny Wilkins daughter of Littleton Wilkins was born _____.
Sophy Clarke daughter of Samuel Clarke and Fanny his wife was born the 27th of April 1802.
Fanny Clarke departed this life Sep 23rd 1803.
Sophy Clarke departed this life 9th Oct _____
Samuel Clarke and Rebecca Foreman were married the 30th day of October 1805.
James Foreman Clarke was born August 1807.
Betsy Bonner Clarke was born 1st day of July and departed this life 30th July 1818.

Henry Clarke son of Samuel Clarke and Rebecca his wife was born Dec 1810 died 1811.
Polly Ann Clarke daughter of Samuel Clarke and Rebecca his wife was born 16th July 1812.
Joseph Bonner Clarke was born 18th Oct 1814 son of Samuel Clarke and Rebecca his wife.
Samuel Clarke son of Samuel Clarke and Rebecca his wife was born 16th Nov 1816.
Caleb Foreman Clarke son of Samuel Clarke and Rebecca his wife was born 15th of March 1819 died April 23rd 1890.
Jane Elizabeth Clarke daughter of Samuel and Rebecca Clarke his wife was born 5th of April 1820.
Lewis Clarke son of Samuel and Rebecca his wife was born 14th of October 1828.
Alexander Clarke son of Samuel and Rebecca was born 9th day of January 1826 and departed this life 18th Oct 1826.
Caroline Clarke daughter of Samuel Clarke and Rebecca his wife was born 1830 and departed this life 20th Sep 1831.
Rebecca Clarke wife of Samuel Clarke departed this life Thursday 19th July 1838.
Samuel Clarke Jr., and Sally Ann Hodges were married the 12th day of Feb 1840.
Samuel Hodges Clarke son of Samuel Clarke Jr., and Sally his wife was born 15th day of Feb 1841 and died June 12th 1842.
Lewis Clarke and Elizabeth Ellis were joined in holy wedlock the 10th of December 1853.
Caleb F. Clarke and Frances S. Clarke were married the 17th Feb 1842.
Catherine Clarke daughter of Caleb and Frances was born Nov 28th 1842.
Lawrence Clark son of Caleb and Frances _____
Mary Ann Clark daughter of Caleb and Fanny Clarke was born March 1851.
Margaret Clark daughter of Caleb and Fanny S. Clarke was born the 9th of July 1855.
John Clarke son of Caleb and Frances S. Clarke was born Dec 11th 1868.
Fanny Clarke daughter of Caleb and Fanny Clarke was born 16th of October 1862 died 19th Nov 1864.
Frances S. Clarke wife of Caleb F. Clarke died 3rd of March 1885 aged 62 years 6 months and 4 days.
Caleb F. Clarke died April 23rd 1890 aged 71 years 1 mo 8 days.

(Extract from old letter unsigned, found by Mrs. Blanche Bonner in Samuel Clarke Bible (Major Clarke bible) and copied by her 1912:)
"Major Clarke and two brothers came to this country from England date unknown supposed to be early in 1700. Major Clarke settled on Pungo river at my father's old home. Married Mary Vines (it looks like) and these sons were born to him, William, Henry and Samuel. William was my grandfather Jacky's father and my great grandfather on my mother's side. Samuel was my grandfather on my father's side, and Henry was Mrs. Frances Blount's father. Grandfather Jacky's mother was a Woodard before marriage. His brother William married Jane Fuller and moved to Miss. She was a cousin of grandmother Rebecca Foreman Clarke."

William Alfred Ross Bible

Photographic copy contributed by current owner Bill Shanks of Illinois, Dec. 2000. *The Holy Bible;* Philadelphia, 1875. Transcribed by Elizabeth Ross.

Marriages:
Wm. A. Ross and Lydia L. James was married Oct. 29th 1848
Wm. A. Ross and Harriet L. Gurganus was married Aug. 25 1863
Virginia Ross and Carl Lloyd Shanks Jr. were married Nov. 4th 1949

Births:
Wm. A. Ross was born Jan. 11th 1822.
Lydia L. Ross was born Jan. 27th 1827
Harriet L. Ross was born December 22nd 1844

Births (page 2):
Wm. H. Ross was born July 14th 1849.
Thomas E. Ross was born Feby. 25th 1851.

James L. Ross was born May 27th 1854.
Lydia M. A. Ross was born April 26th 1857.
John S. Ross. was born July 14th 1864.
Sarah E. Ross was born January 2nd 1866.
Samuel R. Ross was born Sept. 18th 1867.
Charles McG. Ross. was born May 9th 1869.
Mary A. Ross was born May 15th 1871.
George A. Ross was born Oct. 6th 1873.*
Joseph S. Ross was born June 30th 1874.
Rilla A. D. Ross was born March 13th 1876.
Martha R. Ross was born Febuary 26th 1879
Margret L. Ross was born March 31st 1881
Joshua L Ross was born November 27th 188_ [last digit illegible]*
William Earl Aug. 5, 1952
Pamela Sue Shanks Nov. 28, 1958

* Notes: The year for George A. has been overwritten to show 1873. However, as his next sibling was born less than 9 months later, the 1872 date appearing on other records is probably correct.
Also, other records show that Joshua L. was born in 1882. [ER]

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Henry Smith Dead

The Union, New Bern, NC, Tues., Dec. 18, 1857

Died very Suddenly, at the residence of S. WOOLARD, Esq., near Washington, on the 7th inst., Elder Henry SMITH. A devoted christian, and beloved by all who knew him, he has passed to his reward.

Queries

Seeking information on a James SMITH who was born in Pitt County on July 1, 1768. He was a blacksmith by trade. It is believed that the family lived either near Swift Creek Swamp in southern Pitt County or between Otter's and Tyson's Creek near Falkland. They were closely associated with the WILLIAMS family. James SMITH moved to Robeson County, NC around 1789 where he lived on the Great Swamp. His wife's name was Esther and they had 10 children.
William James SMITH; 317 Oakwood Circle, Danville, VA 24541 (804-793-7432)

I am looking for information on John TURNER of Pitt County, NC, born ca. 1786 and his second (?) wife Rutha, b. ca. 1800. Any information on this family would be appreciated.
—Janice Tripp GURGANUS; 211 Gloria Street, Greenville, NC 27858-8627 (252-355-6974).
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I am seeking the ancestry of Mary E. TURNAGE, wife of Elbert DAIL. Our family information believes that her maternal line may be from the EXUM family.
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I am searching for the ancestry of Nathaniel NOBLES, b. ca. 1739/40. Are his parents: Thomas NOBLES and Lovey MOORE? or John NOBLES and Elizabeth WARD? Any help would be appreciated.
—Charles N. NOBLES; 3925 Oak Hollow, Edmond, OK 73013 (405-348-1714).
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I am looking for the ancestry of Davis DUNN (1852-1915) who possibly married in 1875 in Edgecombe Co., NC to Louisa HARRELL (1858-1902). They are both buried in the BARROW-DUNN Cemetery in Pitt County. Davis DUNN'S mother was Violetta_____? and Louisa's mother was possibly Gatsey or Tabitha. Any information on this family would be greatly appreciated.
—Linda MELVIN; 1101-B Ward Blvd., Wilson, NC 27893-1998 (252-237-7100).
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I am looking for a copy of the bible record of Henry SMITH (b. 1755 Beaufort Co., d. 1846 Pitt Co.) who married in 1777 to Sally ADAMS (b. 1758 Beaufort Co., d. 1845 Pitt Co.).
—Dorothy DUFF; 2806 Majestic Dr., Ooltewah, TN 37363. E-mail: dsdnew@aol.com

I am looking for information on the Barbara POLLARD (d. before 1850) who married Cannon SMITH (d. after 1870). I am looking for their birth and death dates and burial place?
—Diane M. BERTRAND; 404 Sherwood Rd., Jacksonville, NC 28540-8228 (910-455-3242).
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Cornelius Davis Dead

Eastern Reflector , Tues., Dec. 22, 1899

Mr. Cornelius DAVIS , of Ormondsville, died Sunday. He was regarded as one of the best and most upright citizens of Greene County. He was about 40 years old and leaves a wife and four children.

J. E. Evans Dead

Eastern Reflector, Wed., Nov. 18, 1891

Information was received here that Mr. J. E. EVANS, a young man of this county and son of Mr. Amos EVANS, and who has been living in Georgia the past two years, died on Oct. 21st.

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Petitions for Partition (usually of land), Petitions for Dower, and other requests for court appearances, are published by law in the newspapers over a given number of weeks, seeking to assure that the concerned parties are given due notice. These notices sometimes give relationships and marriages that were unknown. The following advertisements have been gleaned from various newspapers. See Also: PCGQ, Vol. 4, No. 2 May 1997, for other Court Notices. Contributed by Roger Kammerer.

State of NC, Pitt County, Court of Pleas and Quarter Sessions, Nov. Term 1826
Betsy BEVAN, by her Guardian Archibald Parker
VS.
Jordan PATE & wife, John HUBBARD & wife, and Bennett WILLIAMS——Petition for Partition.
It appearing to the satisfaction of the Court, that the defendants in this case are not residents of this State, it is ordered by the Court that publication be made in the Raleigh Star and State Gazette, for the space of six weeks, notifying them to appear at the Court House in Greenville on the first Monday of February next, to plead, answer, or demur to the said petition, or it will be taken pro confesso as to them, and a decree made accordingly. Witness, James SHEPPARD, Clerk of Court.
[*NC Star*, Raleigh, NC, December 1, 1826]

State of NC, Edgecombe County, Court of Pleas and Quarter Sessions, May Term 1828
Henry L. G. RUFFIN, Executor of Lamon RUFFIN, deceased
VS.
Sally KILPATRICK, Jesse H. COBB and Olive his wife, William H. HAYWOOD and Nancy his wife, Theophilus EDWARDS and Elizabeth his wife, William HENDERSON and Charity Ann his wife, Sally DUPREE, Frederick JORDAN and Elizabeth his wife, Catharine EVANS, Orren LAMON, Elisha BATTLE and Olive his wife— the probate of a Will.
It appearing to the satisfaction of the Court, that William HENDERSON and Charity Ann his wife, Sally DUPREE, Frederick JORDAN and Elizabeth his wife, Catharine EVANS, Orren LAMON, Elisha BATTLE and Olive his wife, defendants in this case, are not inhabitants of this State, it is therefore ordered that publication for eight weeks be made in the Raleigh Star and Raleigh Register, for the said non-residents to appear at the next Court of Pleas and Quarter Sessions to be held for the county of Edgecombe, at the Court House in Tarborough, on the fourth Monday of August next , then and there to enter their contest thereto; otherwise the said paper writing purporting to be the last Will and testament of said Lamon RUFFIN, deceased, will be admitted to probate. Witness, Michael HEARN, Clerk.
[*NC Star*, Raleigh, NC, June 12, 1828]

State of NC, Pitt County} Superior Court of Law; March Term, A. D. 1831
George W. RANDOLPH,
VS
Absolom SAUNDERS } Original Attachment.
It appearing to the Court, that the Defendant is not an inhabitant of this State, It is therefore ordered, that publication be made in the North Carolina Sentinel, for six weeks, that said Defendant appear at the Superior Court of Law to be held for Pitt County, at the Court-House in Greenville, on the first Monday of September next, and reply or plead to issue, or judgment final will be entered against him. Attest, R. S. BLOUNT, Clerk.
[*New Bern Sentinel*, New Bern, NC, July 27, 1831]

State of NC, Martin County, Court of Pleas and Quarter Sessions, January Term, 1834
Susan MANNING,
VS.
The Heirs at Law of Reuben MANNING—Petition for Dower.
It appearing to the satisfaction of the Court, that Cornelius MANNING, one of the defendants, is not an inhabitant of this State: It was ordered, that publication be made for five weeks in the Tarborugh Free

Press, that unless he appear at the next term of this Court, to be held on the second Monday in April next, and answer this petition, plead or demur, it will be taken pro confesso and heard accordingly. Test. Jos. D. BIGGS, C. C. C.
[*Tarboro Free Press* , Tarboro, NC, Feb. 7, 1834]

State of NC, Martin County, Court of Equity, March Term, 1834
Job THIGPEN and others
VS.
Jesse CHERRY & Polly his wife—Petition for sale of Land.
It appearing to the satisfaction of the Court, that Jesse CHERRY and his wife Polly, are not inhabitants of this State: It is therefore ordered that publication be made in the Tarborugh Free Press for six weeks, to appear at the next term to be held for said county, the first Monday in at the Court House in Tarborough, on the second Monday in September next , and answer, plead, or demur to said petition, or judgment pro confesso will be taken as to them, and heard ex parte. Test. I. NORFLEET, C. M. E.
[*Tarboro Free Press* , Tarboro, NC, April 11, 1834]

State of NC, Martin County, Court of Equity, March Term, 1834
Sidney HOWARD and others
VS.
William G. and Cullen LITTLE—Petition for sale of Land.
It appearing to the satisfaction of the Court, that William G. and Cullen LITTLE, are not inhabitants of this State: It is therefore ordered that publication be made in the Tarborugh Free Press for six weeks, to appear at the next term to be held for said county, the first Monday in at the Court House in Tarborough, and answer, plead, or demur to said petition, or judgment pro confesso will be taken as to them, and heard ex parte. Test. I. NORFLEET, C. M. E.
[*Tarboro Free Press* , Tarboro, NC, April 11, 1834]

State of NC, Martin County, Superior Court of Law, Fall Term, 1834.
Sarah SWANNER
VS
John SWANNER, } Petition for Divorce. In this case subpoenas having been issued according to law, and returned not to be found, and proclamation having been made for said defendant, and his default recorded: Ordered by the Court, that publication be made in the Raleigh Star and Tarborough Free Press, two public journals of this State, for three months, for the said John SWANNER to appear at our next Superior Court, to be held at the Court House in Williamston, the last Monday in February next, then and there to answer, plead, or demur to the petition of said Sarah, and cause shew if any he hath, why the prayer of said petition shall not be granted— otherwise the cause will be taken up and examined ex parte and judgment rendered as to John SWANNER pro confesso. W. MARTIN, Clk.
[*Tarboro Free Press* , Tarboro, NC, March 7, 1835]

State of NC, Martin County, Court of Pleas and Quarter Sessions, July Term, 1835
Mary W. YARRELL
VS.
The Heirs at Law of Thomas YARRELL—Petition for Dower.
In this case it appearing to the satisfaction of the Court, that James BRITTON and wife Piney, John B. SMITHWICK and wife Isabella, Simon D. WHITLEY and wife Mary, Gerrard G. YARRELL, and Pierce W. YARRELL are not residents of this State; It is ordered by the Court, that publication be made in the Tarboro' Press for six weeks, notifying the non-resident heirs as above, to appear, answer, or plead at the next term, or the petition will be taken pro confesso as to them and heard accordingly. Test, John D. BIGGS, Clk.
[*Tarboro Press* , Tarboro, NC, Sept. 5, 1835]

State of NC, Edgecombe County, Court of Pleas and Quarter Sessions, November Term, 1835
Treacy WOODARD
VS.
The Heirs at Law of Elisha WOODARD, dec'd.—Petition for Dower.
It appearing to the satisfaction of the Court, that John PEELE and Elizabeth his wife, Nathan WOODARD, John STOKES and Treacy his wife, Levi AMASON and Judith his wife, Patrick BOYLE and Betsey his wife, and Jethro BENSON, defendants in this case, are not residents of this State; It is therefore ordered, that publication be made in the Tarborough Press for six weeks, that they appear at the next Court, to be held for said County on the fourth Monday of February next, then and there to plead, answer, or demur to said petition, otherwise it will be taken pro confesso and heard ex parte as to them. Witness, Michael HEARN, Clerk.
[*Tarboro Press* , Tarboro, NC, December 26, 1835]

State of NC, Martin County, Court of Pleas and Quarter Sessions, April Term, 1836
Mrs. Barshaba ANDREWS and Charlotte ANDREWS
VS
Joseph GRIFFIN, Adm'r and in right of his wife Artimesia, Agnes SHERROD, Ervin PAGE and Susan his wife, Warren D. ANDREWS, Edmund ANDREWS, and Alfred G. ANDREWS,.... Petition for account.
The undersigned made oath in open Court, in this case, that Edmund and Alfred G. ANDREWS are not inhabitants of this State, and thereupon, it is ordered by the Court, that the said Edmund and Alfred G. ANDREWS appear to this suit for an account of the personal estate of Warren ANDREWS, dec'd, by his next of kin against the Administrator of said Warren, and defend it, at the next term of this Court, to be held on the second Monday of July next, at Williamston, or this petition will be taken pro confesso against them and heard accordingly, and that this order be published for five weeks successively, in the newspaper printed in Tarborough called the Tarboro' Press, within 50 days after making this order. Joseph GRIFFIN.
Sworn to and subscribed before me in open Court. Jos. D. BIGGS, Clk.
[*Tarboro Press* , Tarboro, NC, May 21, 1836]

State of NC, Edgecombe County, Court of Pleas and Quarter Sessions, November Term 1838
James NORVELL, Enos TAYLOR, Samuel TAYLOR, Nancy ODUM, Elizabeth NORVELL, David NORVELL, Hezekiah LANGLEY and wife Cherry
VS
Stephen WOOTEN & Ephriam WOOTEN, adm'rs of Enos NORVELL dec'd., James TAYLOR, Enos NORVILLE, Eli JOHNSTON and wife Charity, Exum REVEL and wife Patey, James E. LEWIS and wife Penny, and Dorcas wife of Josiah KAIL} Petition for sale of slaves and distribution
It appearing to the satisfaction of the Court, that Stephen WOOTEN and Ephriam WOOTEN, adm'rs of Enos NORVELL dec'd., James TAYLOR, Enos NORVILLE, Eli JOHNSTON and wife Charity, Exum REVEL and wife Patey, James E. LEWIS and wife Penny, and Dorcas wife of Josiah KAIL, defendants in this suit, are not inhabitants of this State: It is therefore ordered, that publication be made for six weeks in the Tarborough Press, notifying said defendants that unless they appear at the next term of this Court, to be held on the fourth Monday in February next, at the Court House in Tarborough, and answer, plead, or demur judgment pro confesso will be entered against them. Witness, Joseph BELL, Clerk of said Court, at office, the fourth Monday in November, 1838.
[*Tarboro Press* , Tarboro, NC, Jan. 5, 1838]

State of NC, Pitt County, Court of Pleas and Quarter Sessions, Nov. Term, 1847
Jos. RINGGOLD, et al
VS.
Thomas RINGGOLD, et al—Petition to sell slaves.
In this Case it appearing to the satisfaction of the Court, that Thos. RINGGOLD, Jno. RINGGOLD, Jesse FULFORD and wife Rebecca, are not residents of the State; It is ordered by the court that publication be made in the North State Whig for six successive weeks; for them to appear at the next term of our said Court, to be held on the first Monday of February next, and plead, answer, or demur, or judgment will be

taken against them and the prayer of the Petition granted. Witness William D. Moye, Clerk of our said Court at office in Greenville the first Monday of November, A. D. 1847.
[*North State Whig*, Washington, NC, Jan. 12, 1848]

State of NC, Pitt County, Court of Pleas and Quarter Sessions, Feb., Term 1844
Sally MOORE
VS.
Heirs at Law of Reuben MOORE——Petition for Dower.
It appearing to the satisfaction of the Court, that Suky POOL, the wife of D. POOL, are are not inhabitants of this State, it is ordered that publication be made for six successive weeks, in the North State Whig, notifying them to be and appear before the Court of Pleas and Quarter Sessions, to be held for said County at the Court House in Greenville, on the first Monday in August then and there to show cause, if any they have, why the aforesaid Dower should not be allotted. Witness, Archibald Parker, Clerk.
[*North State Whig*, Washington, NC, August 1, 1844]

State of NC, Pitt County, Court of Pleas and Quarter Sessions, Feb., Term 1847
Lemuel TYSON, Executor of Allen TYSON, deceased, to the Court
Lemuel TYSON, Exr., brought into Court a paper writing purporting to be the last Will and Testament of Allen TYSON, dec'd, and he having prayed the Court that notice might issue to the heirs at law and distributees of the said Allen TYSON, citing them to appear at the next term of this Court, when said paper writing will be offered for probate, as the last will of Allen TYSON. And it having been made to the satisfaction of the Court that David SUTTON and wife Susan, Louis ABBOT and wife Zelotas, Richard TYSON, Bryant BRAND and wife Lydia, heirs at law and distributees of the said TYSON, reside without the limits of the State, it is ordered six weeks publication be made in the N. S. Whig, for them to appear at the next term of this Court, to be held for the county of Pitt, the first Monday in May, 1847, and show cause, if any they have, why the said paper writing should not be admitted to probate as the last Will and Testament of Allen TYSON. Wm. D. MOYE, C. C.
[*North State Whig* , Washington, NC, Feb. 24, 1847]

State of NC, Greene County, Court of Equity, Spring Term, 1848
Elias TURNAGE and others, Legatees of Travis TURNAGE, dec'd. Comlaintants,
VS.
Christiana TURNAGE, Executrix of Travis TURNAGE, Cornelious RAULES and wife Susan, James TURNAGE, Emanuel TURNAGE, Thaddeus TURNAGE, Christiana Ann E. TURNAGE, Mary TURNAGE and Joseph TURNAGE, children of Lewis TURNAGE, residents of Tennessee; Thomas T. TURNAGE, ———MAIR and wife Henrietta, Mary Adeline TURNAGE, David E. TURNAGE, Mourning Amanda TURNAGE, Sarah TURNAGE, Amos TURNAGE and Narcissa TURNAGE, residents in Mississippi, Defendants. } Bill for an account and settlement of the Estate of Travis TURNAGE, deceased; filed in the Office of the Clerk and Master of the Court of Equity for Greene County.
IT being alledged in said Bill, that all of said Defendants, except said Executrix, are non-residents of North Carolina, an affidavit thereof being filed, and I hereunto required by Complaintants: Now, I do hereby notify said alleged non-residents, Defendants, to appear at the next Term of said Court of Equity, to be held at Snow Hill, County of Greene, on the second Monday after the fourth Monday of September next, and plead, answer or demur to said Bill, or judgment pro confesso will be rendered against them, and the same set for hearing, ex parte.
Witness, Charles EDWARDS, Clerk and Master of said Court, at Snow Hill, Greene County, the second Monday after the fourth Monday of March, A. D. 1848 Charles EDWARDS, C. M. E.
[*Raleigh Register*, weekly, Oct. 4, 1848]

State of NC, Greene County, In Equity, Fall Term, 1846
Peter E. Hines, Attorney of Asa Jones, Jemima Jones, and Gardner Jones and Bethany his wife.
VS.
Theophilus DAIL, Ex'r of Thomas DAIL, and Wade BUTTS, Adm'r of Elizabeth CRAFT, and Alligood OLDS and Sally his wife, Gatsey MCCAY, Reuben RAULES and Minerva his wife, James SPIVEY and

Rebecca his wife, and Sally, Bethany and John O. DAIL, Jolly and Thomas OLDS, and Floyd ALBRITTON and Pinkey his wife, and Gideon, Thomas and Arthur OLDS, and Minerva OLDS, and William, John and Thomas DAIL, and Jefferson, Dickerson, Madison, Elias, Albert DAIL, and Dicey, wife of Reddick BARFIELD.
In this case, it appearing the Defendants Alligood OLDS and Sally his wife, Gatsey MCCAY, Reuben RAULES and Minerva his wife, James SPIVEY and Rebecca his wife, and Sally, Bethany and John O. DAIL, Jolly and Thomas OLDS, and Floyd ALBRITTON and Pinkey his wife, and Gideon, Thomas and Arthur OLDS, and William, John and Thomas DAIL, and Jefferson, Dickerson, Madison, Elias, Albert DAIL, and Dicey, wife of Reddick BARFIELD, are non-residents of the State of North Carolina; I, Charles EDWARDS, Clerk and Master in Equity for the County of Greene, do, according to the act of Assembly in such case made, by this advertisement, to be inserted in the Raleigh Register six weeks, hereby notify the before mentioned non-resident Defendants, to appear before his Honor, the Judge of the Superior Court of Law and Equity, at the next Term of said Court , to be held for the at County of Greene, at the Court House in Snow Hill, on the second Monday after the fourth Monday of March next, and plead, answer or demur to Complaintants' Bill of complaints; otherwise, the same will be taken as confessed by them, and heard ex parte.
Witness, Chas. EDWARDS, Clerk and Master of said Court, at Office, in said County, the 2nd Monday after the 4th Monday of September, A. D. 1846. Chas. EDWARDS, C. M. E.
[*Raleigh Register,* weekly, Jan. 1, 1847]

State of NC, Pitt County, August Term, 1847.
Reuben GWALTNEY and wife
VS.
Southy BROOKS and others——Petition for sale of Slaves.
In this case it appearing to the satisfaction of this Court, that Southey BROOKS and wife Vicey, Franklin MOYE and wife Lydia, are non-residents of this State: It is ordered by the court that publication be made for six successive weeksin the Raleigh Register; commanding the said Southey BROOKS and wife, and Franklin MOYE and wife, to appear at the next term of our Court, to be held on the first Monday of November next, to shew cause, if any they have, why Petitioners' prayer should not be granted. Witness, William D. MOYE, Clerk of our said Court, at office, the first Monday of August, A. D. 1847. William D. MOYE, Clerk.
[*Raleigh Register,* weekly, Sept. 29, 1847]

State of NC, Pitt County, In Equity, Spring Term, 1847
Benjamin MAY, et als
VS.
Jesse SPEIGHT, et als.
In this case it appearing to the satisfaction of the Court, that the defendants, to wit: Jesse SPEIGHT and his wife Louisa, John HOLLIDAY and his wife Maria, Thomas CANNON and his wife Penelope, Samuel DIXON and his wife Elizabeth, Joseph W. SPEIGHT, and the heirs at law of Benjamin SPEIGHT deceased, are non-residents of this State; It is ordered by the court that an advertisement be made in the North State Whig for six successive weeks; commanding the aforesaid defendants to appear, and answer to the foregoing Bill or Judgment pro confesso will be taken as to them and heard accordingly. Witness Goold HOYT, Clerk and Master of said Court, at office, in said county, the first Monday in March., A. D. 1847.
[*North State Whig,* Washington, NC, May 5, 1847]

Sale of Land to Pay Debts
Pursuant to an order from the Superior Court of Pitt county, the undersigned will sell to the highest bidder, for cash, at the Court House, in Greenville, Pitt county, at public auction, on Monday, the 4th day of April, 1892, the following described real estate, of which John WHITEHURST died seized and possessed, to-wit:
1. A tract of land lying on the north side of Grindel Creek in Bethel township, Pitt county, State of North Carolina, adjoining the lands of J. M. MANNING, Roderick MATTHEWS, John A. MANNING, the TEEL heirs and others, known as lots 6 and 7, in the lands of the late John WHITEHURST, and being the land devised to R. D. WHITEHURST and B. R. WHITEHURST in the will of the said John WHITEHURST containing seventy-five acres, more or less.

2. The share of said tract of land devised and bequeathed to John A. WHITEHURST by John WHITEHURST, adjoining the land that James R. WHITEHURST sold to William FORD, containing seventy-five acres, more or less.
3. The tract of land known as the share of the John WHITEHURST land devised and bequeathed by him to Ann E. CARSON, containing seventy-five acres, more or less, adjoining the land of John A. WHITEHURST.
4. The share of said tract of land devised and bequeathed to W. S. WHITEHURST by the will of John WHITEHURST, containing seventy-five acres, more or less, adjoining the land of Ann E. CARSON.
This March 4th, 1892. R. J. GRIMES, Admr.
[*Eastern Reflector*, Mar. 9, 1892]

About Mrs. Lydia Nelson Coburn

This article appeared in the *Daily Reflector*, Sept. 18, 1966. An interesting photograph of her appears with the article. Contributed by Roger Kammerer.

"ROBERSONVILLE—A century, minus five years, marks the life of Mrs. Lydia COBURN of Rt. 2, Robersonville. Born in 1871 near Flat Swamp Church in Martin County, Mrs. COBURN was the oldest child in a family of 11 children and survives her three sisters and seven brothers. Mrs. COBURN was the daughter of a farm couple, John and Agnes NELSON. After her birth, the family moved to their own farm near Parmele. She describes the family home as a frame house built with three shed rooms, living room and big room upstairs. The kitchen and dining room were built together in a separate building behind the house. "Crops raised by father were peanuts, corn and cotton and we did our own work. We did raise a few stalks of tobacco for chewing purposes. The tobacco, when dried, was twisted into a roll and had molasses or other substances added for taste," commented Mrs. COBURN. "When I was a small child, we went to school in a one room building. We only went a short time every year and we walked about two miles—since there were no roads, we walked in cattle runs or cart paths,' she stated. In recalling outstanding happenings in history, Mrs. COBURN said, "My father was wounded at Petersburg, Va., during the Civil War, and my brother-in-law fought in the Spanish American War. "About the first car I remember was owned by Dr. HARGROVE of Robersonville. Many people and children were afraid of the car, but it did not scare me because I had heard about them before I ever saw one." In 1889, Miss Lydia (as she is called by many people) was married to John William Hedley Coburn of Martin County. The marriage was performed by a magistrate from Robersonville at the home of Mrs. COBURN'S parents. Mrs. COBURN remembers her wedding day well. "After we were married, the magistrate left for Gold Point to perform another marriage," she said. "My husband did all of the buying for the family—clothes and food. He bought my clothes and I wore these and was proud of them." " In my younger days, there as no modern modes of travel and families did not do alot of going. A horse and buggy or horse-drawn cart were used to carry us to yearly association and preaching. If we visited nearby neighbors, we walked," she recalled. "My husband, Billy, taught me how to cook after we got married. I did my cooking over an open fire in the fireplace. I also baked buscuits over the open fire," she remarked. Mr. and Mrs. COBURN had six children, five sons and a daughter, which included a set of twins. Only two sons are living, Robert of Scotland Neck and J. H. of Rt. 2, Robersonville. Mr. and Mrs. COBURN moved to Blackstone, Va., in 1919. After farming there for 20 years, they moved back here to live with their son, Johnny and his family. Mrs. COBURN still actively enjoys crocheting. She makes her own designs and it takes her about two days to crochet a seven inch doily. She does not spend all her time just sitting— she can still thread a needle and does some sewing and mending. She says she enjoys good literature, not love stories. She says her education was improved within the last 25 years and she enjoys reading the newspaper daily, reading her Bible and watching television. One of the things she likes best is attending her church, Flat Swamp Primitive Baptist. She has 13 grandchildren, 46 great grandchildren and several great great grandchildren. Mrs. COBURN, who has seen life for 94 years, is celebrating her 95th birthday today."

Heirs of Richard Evans, 1860

This Court notice appeared in the *Eastern Reflector*, October 9, 1914. Contributed by Roger Kammerer.

NOTICE
North Carolina} In The Superior Court
Pitt County

J. J. EVANS; James EVANS; W. F. EVANS; James L. EVANS; W. M. CURTIS and wife, Lettia CURTIS; D. W. DAVIS and wife, A. Maude DAVIS; Glasgow EVANS; William EVANS; Susan EVANS; Della EVANS; Adrian SAVAGE and wife, Mittie SAVAGE; G. A. EVANS; G. T. EVANS; William H. FORBES and wife, Pearl FORBES; Jessie KENNEDY; Joseph M. KENNEDY; Charlie KITTRELL and wife, Beulah KITTRELL; Leon F. EVANS; A. H. CRITCHER and wife, Lillie L. CRITCHER; John R. FORBES; Robert VAINWRIGHT and wife, Lula VAINWRIGHT; W. G. STOKES and wife, Annie STOKES; Adolph GARRIS and wife, Cornelia GARRIS; C. H. FORBES; B. F. JOLLY and wife Nannie E. JOLLY; Elias CRAWFORD and wife, Clara J. CRAWFORD; W. Harvey ALLEN and wife, Bettie ALLEN; A. M. ALLEN and wife, Bertha E. ALLEN; Thomas ALLEN and wife, Neva ALLEN; A. B. MOYE and wife, Pearl MOYE; and J. L. HARRIS and wife, Nora HARRIS.

VERSUS

R. A. FORBES; H. C. EVANS and wife, Hattie EVANS; Bessie FORBES; Rosa FORBES; Allen FORBES; William J. EVANS; Hattie May EVANS; Nannie E. EVANS; Gordon EVANS; Edward EVANS; Rubell EVANS; Elizabeth EVANS; the last ten being minors, and other unknown persons, heirs at law of Richard EVANS , deceased.

The defendants above named and all other persons, the heirs at law of Richard EVANS, (who died in 1860) whatever may be their name and whatever may be their residence will take notice that an action entitled as above has been commenced in the Superior Court of Pitt County, N. C., to have the land of the late said Richard EVANS, in accordance with his will sold and proceeds from said sale divided among his heirs; and the said defendants and all other heirs at law of Richard EVANS whatever may be their residence, and especially the children and descendants of Elias EVANS of Alabama and Ira EVANS of Tennessee, both formerly from N. C. will further take notice that they are required to appear before the clerk of the Superior Court of Pitt County, N. C. at his office in Greenville, N. C., on the 19th day of October 1914, and answer the petition in said action or the plantiffs will apply to the court for relief demanded in said petition. This Aug. 28th 1914
A. T. MOORE, Clerk Superior Court Pitt County
James L. EVANS, Atty.

William Lawrence Perkins Name Change

This is found in the NC Archives in the NC General Assembly Session Records, Nov. 1833-Jan. 1834, Box 1, House Bills (Dec. 4). Contributed by Roger Kammerer.

"Be it enacted by the General Assembly of the State of North Carolina, and it is hereby enacted by the authority of the same, that from and after the passage of this act William Lawrence CHERRY, the illegitimate son of James PERKINS and Ann Moring CHERRY of the County of Pitt, shall be known and called by the name of William Lawrence PERKINS and by that name may sue and be sued, plead and be impleaded and receive and take property by descent or distribution. Be it further enacted that the said William Lawrence CHERRY be and he is hereby declared legitimate and capable in law to take and inherit property as heir to the aforesaid James PERKINS in as full and ample a manner as if he had been born in lawful wedlock; any law to the contrary notwithstanding."

Taylor Harris, Confederate Hero

This article appeared in the *Daily Reflector*, March 16, 1904. Contributed by Roger Kammerer.

"There is living in this county a man almost unknown who deserves a high place in the annals of individual heroism and an effectionate rememberance by every lover of the "Lost Cause." That man is Taylor HARRIS, of Chicod township, and the incident I am about to relate occurred during the seige of Fort Fisher in 1864. I had often heard the incident referred to spoken of by my friend, Mr. J. J. LAUGHINGHOUSE, himself a soldier in the Confederate army, but a few days since as I walked into the warehouse one morning I heard one of the truck hands cry out "Taylor HARRISS, six lots," I immediately went to where Mr. HARRIS was unloading his tobacco and I asked him to come in the office as soon as he was through with his tobacco, as I wanted him to tell me in his own way the story of how he saved the Confederate blockade4 steamer during the bombardment of Fort Fisher. "Oh! " said he "it has been so long that I have forgotten it." I insisted and the following is an outline of how this plain peaceable farmer and good citizen acted the hero under circumstances that should keep his memory fresh in the minds of Southern men as long as dareing and valor constitute the chief exponants of bravery. For the purpose of supplying as far as possible the North Carolina soldiers with medicines and such other much needed necessities, Governor VANCE had fitted up a steamer that run the blockade between Wilmington, Nassau and other points, and it was during the seige of Fort Fisher that this vessel was attempting to come in Wilmington. She was sighted by the Federals and fired upon. Realizing that she would either be sunk or captured by the Yankees, her commander ran her on the beach and the crew swam ashore, whereupon the fEderals boarded the deserted ship for the purpose of capturing and confiscating her cargo. Colonel LAMB who commanded Fort Fisher, had several pieces of artillery pulled down the beach and turned them on the Federals who were attempting to blow up the ship. After several shots had been fired the Yankees, finding it getting too hot, emptied several kegs of powder on her deck, and attached a slow match by saturating a string in kerosine oil and placing one end into the powder and firing the other end and then left her to blow to pieces. Volunteers were called for to save the doomed ship. Quite a number at once responded but Taylor HARRIS was the first to reach the vessel. Clamoring over her gunwads he saw at a glance that the sputtering flame was within a few inches of the explosive, and realizing that an awkward step might throw some of the powder into the flame, he carefully stepped over the outer rim of the powder circle and clasped the burning string with both hands, walked to the edge of the boat and threw it overboard. An instant more and the daring little sea rover that had run so many perilous voyages to bring the balm of relief to the wounded, suffering soldiery of North Carolina would have been blown to atoms. And Taylor HARRIS at the risk of his life saved the ship. A soldier's duty it is true, and yet the discharge of that duty so nobly and faithfully performed is that which draws in us admiration for such deeds. For to him the success of the Southern arms promised no alluring reward, nor defeat its stinging terrors. Taylor HARRIS is now seventy years old and has lived a quiet peaceable, good citizen of our county. All his life, and like thousands of others he will go to his reward practically unknown, yet a greater hero than HOBSON. — O. L. JOYNER"

Salley Hopkins Tison Legitimized

This is found in the NC Archives in the NC General Assembly Session Records, Nov. — Dec. 1804, Box 1, Senate Bills (Dec. 6). Contributed by Roger Kammerer.

"A Bill to Legitimate Salley Hopkins TISON natural daughter of Thomas TISON of Pitt County Whereas Thomas TISON of Pitt County hath Petitioned this General Assembly to have his natural daughter Salley Hopkins TISON Legitimated, Be it therefore enacted by the General Assembly of the State of North Carolina and it is hereby enacted by the authority of the same, That Salley Hopkins TISON natural Daughter of Thomas Tison of Pitt County be & She is hereby Legitimated & made as capable of inheriting from the said Thomas TISON in as full ample manner to all intents & purposes as If the said Salley Hopkins TISON had been born in Lawfull wedlock, any law to the contrary withstanding."

Will of Edward Salter, 1734

Taken from the NC Secretary of State Wills, NC Archives. Contributed by Sammy A. Pierce.

"North Carolina
In the Name of God Amen The Sixth day of January in the year of our Lord Christ One thousand seven hundred thirty and four I Edward SALTER of Bath County in the Province aforesaid Merchant being Sick in body but of sound and perfect mind and memory (God be praised) Do make and ordain this my Last Will and Testament in manner and Form following, That is to Say, Imprimis I Commend and Resign my Soul to Almighty God my Maker, hoping for Salvation through the merits of my Blessed Saviour Christ Jesus, My Body I desire may be decently interred according to the Descretion of my wife and Executors hereafter named

ITEM I will and desire that all my just Debts may withall convenient _peed be truly and honestly paid.

ITEM I Give and Bequeath unto my Loving Wife Elizabeth (after the payment of my Debts and Legacies) One Third part of all my personal Estate on or after a just Division by my Executors to be made, but so to be apportioned as that none of the Slaves hereafter named by me devise_ and allotted to be part of the Residue or other Two Thirds of my personal Estate given and bequeathed to my Children, be taken or included as part of her said Third part of my Personal Estate.

ITEM I Give Devise and Bequeath unto my Children, In__ unto my Son, Edward, and unto my Daughters Sarah, Mary and Susannah, all the Rest and Residue of my personal Estate wheresoever being, or to be found, to be divided among them in and among which and and as Part of the said Residue by me hereby to my Children given. My Will is that the Slaves by me hereafter immediately named shall be accounted taken and reserved for my Children Vizt Diego, Peter, George, Priamus the Shoe maker, Toney and Black Wall both Coopers, Young Priamus, Aberdeen, L_rrest, Tom Asby which I buys_____, Nann a negro woman which I purchased of Mr. C____READING, Mary Ann a Negro woman which I purchased of the Executors of the Estate of Colonel Thomas HARVEY deceased, Violet a Negro woman which I purchased of Mr. CANNON and Hannah a Negro Girl, together with their Increase which ____ or may belong to me at my decease, as also my largest Periauger with her Anchor Cable and Sails. And My Will is That none of these Slaves by me aforementioned and named be sold or disposed of on any consideration whatsoever otherwise than to be divided among my said Children (as follows) and their respective parts together with the rest of their respective portions or parts of my Estate to be delivered to them by my Executors according to my Directions herein. Vizt. First I Bequeath unto my Daughter Sarah SALTER whatever she hath now in her possession at Capr Fear, together with sundry necessaries That __ have sent for to Mr. George MONK of Boston to be directed to Mr. PORTER for her use, which above article I desire may not come into the Division of my Estate

ITEM I Further Bequeath unto my said Daughter Sarah my Negro man Aberdeen, my Negro m__ Tom, my Negro Girl named Hannah, also my Negro Girl named Teresa now about Sixteen or eighteen months old being the Child of Mary Ann, also Twenty Cows and twenty Calves, Ten (two year old) Cattle, Five (three year old) steers, and Five (one year) heifers, Two likely young Mares, and one likely young stone horse, also two hundred pounds (or value) of the said province Bei__ as their Value now is. And If Madam Sarah PORTER of Cape Fear (in whose care my said daughter Sarah now is) shall think proper after my decease to continue her Care and Tuition of her, my desire is that my Executors hereafter named may (immediately after my decease on the motion of the said Madam PORTER) deliver the negroes and other Effects by me Bequeathed unto my Daughter Sarah (excepting the two hundred pounds which is not to be paid till eighteen months after my decease) unto Sarah SALTER; My Will is that my Executors m__ __ry take security _____ delivery of the Slaves and other Effects as abovesaid unto my said daughter Sarah at her day of m_____the full age of Eighteen Years (mortality excepted) and in _____ said daughter Sarah SALTER _____teen Years or day of marriage; I will that then what Estate she shall own or which of right shall thes_ _____ivided between her said Brother and said Sisters NOTE, my Executors are to observe that my Daugh_____ burthened with any of my Debts.

ITEM I Give and Bequeath unto my Daughter Mary SALTER _____of Charles SMITH lyeing on

Pamplico River quantity about three hundred and six acres _____ Mount COLVERT, also twenty Cows and twenty Calves five (three or four) year old Steers, five (one year old) Heifers, two mares ___ young stone horse, all to be branded with her Brand MS when she arrives to the age of twelve years, also one hundred pounds currency of this province to be applyed by my Executors towards improving the last mentioned plantation to my said daughter Mary SALTER'S use, My further Will is that my said daughter Mary may have two able Slaves (one of them being a man the other _ _oman) not to exceed the age of thirty years each, delivered unto her by my Executors, also one negro boy, and one negro girl, not __ exceed ten years of Age each, also one featherbed and furniture, all the above effects to be delivered by my Executors unto my ___d daughter Mary SALTER at (the day of her marriage or at the time that she shall arrive to the age of Eighteen Years

ITEM __ ve and Bequeath unto my said Daughter Susannah SALTER my Negro woman Mary: Ann, and one negro man about thirty y_____, My Negro Boy named Tom (if he should live to the time allotted, if not, another in lieu of him, also one negro Girl, not under _____ or above twelve years of age, and a good featherbed and furniture agreeable, also twenty Cows and twenty Calves, five (three year old) Steers, five (one year old) heifers, two mares, and one young stone horse, And in Consideration that she has no Land, My will is that she my said Daughter Susannah shall have five hundred pounds of the currency of this province, as the value ____me is, All the above mentioned money and effects to be delivered by my Executors to her at the day of her marriage or at that she shall arrive to the age of Eighteen Years: My further will is That if my Executors should find that the sum of money bequeathed unto my daughter Susannah can conveniently be spared any time after my decease, and a Tract of Land at a ___n should offer for Sale, then it shall & may be lawfull for my Executors to purchase the same, and to have sufficient ___assed as may secure it to my said daughter Susannah SALTER, Which Affair I leave intirely to their Discretion. My Will _____wife Elizabeth may have the use of the plantation whereon I now dwell(which I purchased of Robert C_____impassed _____ume that she remains my widdow, or in case the Child shall be live wherewith she is now big with, (to whom I shall here after ___ the said Lands); also that my said widdow shall not be debarr__

from having the use of the Back Land which I purchased __ John SWANN for Tar or Turpentine or as she shall think proper. My Will further is that if it shall please God the Child my wife now goes with, should live, that then my said wife shall have the Care and managment of the last mentioned plantation for ___ use of the said Child

ITEM I Give and Bequeath the plantation whereon I now dwell, also the Back Land which I purchased of John S___nn of Cape Fear unto the childthat my wife is now big with, if a Boy to be delivered to him at the Age of one and twenty years, if __ Girl to be delivered to her at the day of her marriage, or when she shall arrive to the full age of Eighteen years. But in case that the said last mentioned Child should die before it shall arrive to the day of marriage or age of Eighteen years, Then it shall be lawfull for _y Executors to take the said plantation and Land into their Care and possession(observing my Directions herein after expressed for th__ purpose. WHEREAS I have sold a Negro Girl named Hannah which I had given to my daughter Sarah SALTER in this my Last Will and _____ment as above, In consideration whereof My Will is that there may _____ a likely Negroman not to exceed Twenty Years of age pu_____ out of my Estate and given to my said daughter Sarah SALTER __ lieu of the said Negro Girl Hannah

ITEM I Bequeath u___ _y Godson John WATKINS (son of William WATKINS) a Negro or MulatoBoy now about eighteen months old (being the Child of my Negro woman Nann which I purchased of Mr. Churchil READING to him and his heirs for ever.

ITEM I Bequeath unto my Son __ Law Miles HARVEY one hundred pounds to be paid him in four Years after my decease being the Value as the Bills now _____ at, and no other wise. ITEM I Bequeath unto my Son in Law John HARVEY Ten pounds in order to purchase him a good Beaver hat and a pair of Gloves, which money is to be paid when called for after my decease

ITEM I Bequeath unto my Beloved Son Edward SALTER My best Saddle and Bridle, and one pair of Silver Spurs and Richard BLOOM'S History of the Holy Bible together with _ll the books that I shall own at my Death (be they Divinity, Law History or Mathematical) which _re to be found by the Cata___e, also my ta__e China Punch Bowl (which I purchased of Mr. Edmund GALE); The above Goo__ I Give to my said Son Edward SALTER a Legacy and not to be brought into the Division of my Estate. My Will is that __ Brigantine now on the Sloo__ at John SM ____S be got finished and made fit for the Sea as soon as may

be (By name The Happy Luke) and may (after she __ ready for (sea) be loaden with Tar which I have in my hand_ belonging to sundry Gentlemen i_ Boston as will appear by __ Books and __pers or by a List which I shall leave to inform m_ Executors, My Will also is that __mes ROSTERN proceeds Ma___r of her. My Will further is that my Executors may write two or three ways (before she sails __t of the Port of Bath) Collo. Jacob WINDALL and Company to Insure the sum of Twelve Hundred pounds (Boston money) upon the said Brigantine, The Happy Luke, And my Will further is that my Brigan___ the Happy Luke may be Cons__ld to Collo. Jacob WINDALL and Comp___ with positive orders for them to make Sale __ her to the best advantage for ___ use of my wife and Children; My will further is that the money that may arise by sale of the said Brigantine s__ll be remitted in young able slaves (not to exceed the age of twenty years).

ITEM I Bequeath unto my said beloved Son Edward SALTER all the personal estate which I have not already bequeathed, provided that he ____ my Executors see my Daughters fully _ontented satisfied and paid their above mentioned portions given them by me the__ Father Edward Salter

ITEM I further Bequeath unto my Said beloved Son Edward SALTER all my Land's situate and lying on the south side of P_mlico River excepting what I have before bequeathed to my said Loving daughter Mary SA___R, also my whole Right_ of all the Lands that I have under Surveys,

ITEM My further Will is that the Six h__dred and fourty acres __ Land lyeing __ Bear Creek _____ly secured by my Executors on the best terms the Countrey _ill afford, which Land w_s formerly s____eyed by William BARTRAM, whose right I purchased (considerattion twenty Cows and twenty Calves;) Also the Six hun___d anf fourty acres of Land lyeing and being on the West Side of the Beaver Dam of GRAYS Creek (whereon _ohn ARRINGTON now dwells my tenant) be secured on the best terms my Executors can have done, But my Will an_ Orders is th__ my Executors may not neglect upon any terms whatsoever to secure the two last mentioned Tracts of Land to my said Beloved Son Edward SALTER let the Costs be sm___ or great to perfect the same . My Will is that in case any of my aforementioned Children should die before they shall _____ to the age before mentioned or day of marriage, whatsoever then may be belonging to them by this Will, that then it shall be equally divided among my surviving Children, let them be younger or older which may first happen, but if any of them shall happen to die and leave any heirs lawfully begotten of their bodies, that their heirs shall have the samr right, title, and interest to the Estate as they themselvers might have if living. My Will and desire is That my last Will and Testament may be proved imediately after my death, and Letters Testamentory obtained so as a Division may be made with all possible ___pedition that my widdow may have her said part delivered to her after payment of my Debts and Legacies or her giving good security to pay her third part of them

ITEM my Will intent and desire is that my Executors have the Care, Custody keeping, and educating my Children aforesaid 'till they shall arrive to the Age of twenty one years or their day of marriage. My Will is that all my Childrens Slaves may be kept together to labor as on the Land that I have given to my said beloved Son Edward SALTER _____care of some good honest man such as my said beloved Son Edward SALTER think proper_____of my said Children. My Singular Will further is that my said beloved Son Edward SALTER _____him a compleat merchant let the expense b_ what it will. My Will is _____Estate delivered by my Executors herein after named when _____ and no sooner _____this my Last Will and Testament I make cons_____ and beloved friend Mr. Edward MOSELEY, Mr. John ODEON, Mr. John CALDAM, Mr. Thomas BONNER, Mr. William WILLIS and Mr. William ADAMS Executors And I hereby utterly revoke and annul all other and former Wills and Testaments by me before this time in any wise made IN WITNESS whereof I have Subscribed and sett my seal unto this my present Will and Testament the day and year first above written.

Sign'd Sealed and Published
In the presence off — Edward SALTER {seal}
Walley CHAUNCY
Beniman RIGNEY
Walter DIXSON
Rogr JONES

No Carolina Before his Excelly. Gabriel JOHNSTON Esq His Majesty's Governor in chief and Ordinary of said Province Personaly appeared Benjamin RIGNEY and Roger JONES two of the Witnesses to the within Last Will and Testament of Edward SALTER deceased who being duely sworn Say that they

were present & Saw the said Edward SALTER Sign, Seal, Publish and Declare the same to be his last Will and Testament and that he was at that time of sound mind and disposing Mind & Memory and that they saw Walley CHAUNCY and Walter DIXON the two other Witnesses Sign their Hands as Witnesses thereunto.
Given at Edenton under my hand GAB JOHNSTON
the 5th day of Feberuary Anno
Dom 1734

No Carolina Before his Excelly Gabriel JOHNSTON Esqr his Maj Governor in chief and Ordinary of the said Province Personaly appeared Edward MOSELEY Esqr and William ADAMS two of the Exectrs of the within last Will and Testament & took Oath of Executors as required by Law
Given at Edenton under my hand GAB: JOHNSTON
the 5th day of Feberuary Anno Dom 1734

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New Bern District Estate Records

The following items are found in the New Bern District Estate Records, DSCR, 206. 508. 6, NC Archives. There are only a few pieces of paper in each folder. Contributed by Roger Kammerer.

Estate of Francis Nelson, 1800

"North Carolina
To the Sheriff of Pitt County, Greetings
You are hereby commanded to take the Body of Charles TINSLEY (if to be found in your county) and him safely keep, so that you have him before the Judges of our Superior Court of Law, to be held for the district of Newbern, at the Court-House in Newbern, on the nineteenth day in March next; then and there to answer John NELSON Senior and Carrity his Wife of a plea of Trespass vi et annis for an assault and Battery to the Damage of the said John NELSON and so fourth one thousand pounds
Herein fail not, and have you then and there this writ.
Witness, SILAS WHITE ARNETT, Clerk of our said Court, at Newbern, the nineteenth day of September and in the XXIV year of our Independence.
Issued the 28 day of February A. D. 1800 SW ARNETT"

"North Carolina
To the Sheriff of Craven County, Greetings
You are hereby commanded to take the body of John JONES (if to be found in your county) and him safely keep, so that you have him before the Judges of our Superior Court of Law, to be held for the district of Newbern, at the Court-House in Newbern, on the nineteenth day in March next; then and there to answer unto Joseph NELSON and Mary NELSON Executors of the last will and testament of Francis NELSON deceased of a plea of Trespass on the case to their damage four hundred pounds.
Herein fail not, and have you then and there this writ.
Witness, SILAS WHITE ARNETT, Clerk of our said Court, at Newbern, the nineteenth day of September and inthe twenty fourth year of our Independence.
Issued the third day of February A. D. 1800 SW ARNETT
Came to hand fourth day of February 1800 Wm DUDLEY D. S."

[Abstract] On Feb. 5, 1800, John Jones, Benjamin H. Martin & Asa JONES securities, gave bond of 800 pounds to Stephen HARRIS , Sheriff of Craven County, for John JONES appearance at Superior Court to answer to Joseph NELSON and Mary NELSON, executors of the Will of Frances NELSON, dec'd. for trespass.

Estate of Jesse Nelson, 1802

"State North Carolina
William POPE at present of the county of Wake in the State aforesaid, being sworn deposeth That some time in the month of ———in the year 1793 a Capias issued from the County Court of Green returnable to the then ensuing term, to be held on the 2nd Monday in March then following, in the name of John Gray BLOUNT as admr of Jesse NELSON against this deponant in an action of Trespass on the case, That the said writ was not executed on this deponant, although he was then living in the county. That an alias Capias afterwards issued against him returnable to the following term, which was returned also not executed. That this deponant having then left the country, There issued from said cause a Judicial attachment against his property founded upon the return aforesaid, but which was stated to be in a suit of Jno BLOUNT as admr of Wm NELSON, & not of Jesse NELSON as stated in the writ. That said Judicial attachment was levied on some trifling article of property then in the said county of Greene and thereon a certain Reading POPE was summoned as a Garnishee with others and upon the garnishment of the said Reading POPE a Judgement final was taken against this deponant in the court of said county which was

held on the 2nd Monday in November last. And this deponant further states that the said Jesse NELSON on whose estate the said Jno G BLOUNT is stated in the writ aforesaid to have administered is yet living and in the county of Pitt of this State. That the demand for which the said BLOUNT was suing, that this deponant is informed accrued by reason of this deponants having drawn the pay of the said Jesse NELSON due him by the State for services as a soldier, but which this deponant received on acct of the father of said Jesse & with whom he settled in sale, the said Jesse being then a minor. That with respect to Wm NELSON whose administration the said John G. BLOUNT is stated to be and such as the Judicial attachment obtained a Judgt against the deponant, which said attacht was founded mentioned before as the capias which stated the said BLOUNT to be the admr of Jesse NELSON, this deponant saith that he never had any transactions with or concerning him and that the pay which was due to him as a soldier was drawn by a certain Abisha THOMAS as appears by the Comptrollers certificate in possession of this deponant. This deponant further states that he never had any knowledge of the transactions above stated until his arrival at this place on his way from the Natches to the said county of Green. This deponant further states that an execution has actually issued against his estate and he has reason to believe that it will be within a few days satisfied by the payment of money by the Garnishees aforesaid who were called in under the Judicial attachment. He therefore Humbly prays your Honor, that you will grant him a writ of Supeasedeas directed to the Sheriff of Green County commanding him to forbear proceeding under said execution; and also a writ of Certiorari directed to the clerk of the county of Green commanding him to certify & make return of a record of the proceedings had in the said suit to the want of Law to be held for the District of Newbern on the 15th day of January next William POPE
Sworn to this 12 Decr 1802
before me Saml JOHNSTON "

Estate of John MILLS, 1769

"North Carolina Pitt County} May 31st 1769
Pursuant to the Order of Court hereunto anexed to us Directed. We have faithfully & diligently Examined John JORDAN relative to the Suit depending between John SPIER and James STEVENSON Administrators of John MILL decsd. Which said John JORDAN being duly sworn saith That sometime about the latter end of June 1767 He Went Down to the Swash Where he met with Mr. John MILLS he had a Parcel of Europen Goods on Bord Which he said he was to Bring Up to Mr. STEWART and SPEIR but he said he Could Not Go With Them his Vessell was so Leekey and out of order and got the sd. JORDAN To Bring them Up to SPEIRS and When he Came to Take them on Bord a Bale of Ozenbrig Lay on the Sealing was Damaged he shoud it To him and he said he was Sorrey but he said Or Swore that he Could Not Help it. The Said JORDAN saith that the Vessell Appeard To him to be in Reasonable Good Order he Went That Day and Lightned a Vessell over The Bulkhead and further the sd. JORDAN saith he Paid him a Ginny for his Trouble Saving The Vallue of five Shillings Proc. and The Deponant further saith Nought.
Given Under our hands & Seals this 3 of June 1769 John JORDAN
Robert DANIEL {Seal}
George MOYE {Seal}"

Benevolent Religious Burying Society

Eastern Reflector, May 23, 1888

"North Carolina} Superior Court, Before the Clerk
Notice is hereby given of the Incorporation of the Benevolent Religious Burying Society of Pitt County, that the names of the incorporators are Matthew KITTRELL, John WARD, Henry BROWN, Caesar RANDOLPH, Benjamin PRICE, Turner DEGRAFTENREIDT, Absalom RANDOLPH, Aaron EVANS, Blount STOCKS, William SMITH, Benjamin DANCY, James EVANS and Lucas RINGOLD, and such others as they may associate with them. That the place of business shall be in Pitt County, North Carolina and its purpose and business is mutual aid to its members, to aid the sick and bury the dead, that the duration of the corporation shall br thirty years, that there shall be no capital stock. This May 18th 1888.
E. A. MOYE, Clerk Superior Court."

Pitt County Bastardy Bonds

Abstracted and contributed by Roger Kammerer from the originals in the North Carolina Archives.

1864-1867

Cynthia Williams vs. James A. Tison —July 15, 1865
Caroline Driver vs. Redmon Cordon/Condon? —Oct., 12, 1866
Martha Weathersby vs. Willie Grist of Beaufort Co. —(date?)
Sarah A. Stocks vs. Caleb Smith —July 25, 1865
Susan Davenport vs. Jack (a colored man from Va.) —May 4, 1866
Sally Ann Spain vs. Jesse P. Brown —Aug. 10, 1865
A. Eveline Brady (a married woman) vs. William F. Newton, a planter —Aug. 11, 1865
E. P. Daniel vs. Willie Grice of Beaufort Co. —Dec. 25, 1865
Emily Corbett vs. Elias Pollard —May 24, 1866
Polly Cannon vs. Major Gaskins —July 13, 1866 —child named Delia Ann
Martilla Davenport vs. Henry A. Thompson of Wake Co., NC —May 4, 1866
Louisa/Laniza Deal vs. Jesse A. Cox —April 7, 1866
Jane Corbett vs. Clement Arnold —Dec. 1, 1864
Mary Ann Stancill vs. Warren Langley —Nov. 3, 1866
Gatsey Ann Cory vs B. J. (or T?) Baker —Sept. 25, 1866
Caroline Driver vs. J. J. Nobles —July 26, 1865
Dellah Edwards (colored) vs. Ned Fields (colored) —Nov. 5, 1866 —had 1 month old son, Moses
Clary Ann Briley vs. John Knight of Edgecombe Co. —Sept. 15, 1866
Harriet Grey (colored) vs. Andrew Eborn —April 30, 1867
Florence Ann Patrick (colored) vs. Ferdinand Anderson —May 4, 1867
Milly Ann Johnson vs. Ben Dupree (colored) —Aug. 14, 1867 —had dau. Creecy; Milly Ann md. in 1867 to ____Sugg
Pauline Albritton (colored) vs. Shade Carr (colored) —July 7, 1867
Jennie House (colored) vs. Joseph Fleming of Pitt and Halifax Co. —July 22, 1867
Adline House vs. Lemuel J. Moore —July 27, 1867
Amanda May vs. Ned Newton —July 27, 1867 —1 month old dau.
Caroline Tripp (colored) vs. Nabe Mills (colored) —Sept. 9, 1867 —child born Aug. 1, 1867
Elcy Deloach vs. Samuel Brown (colored) —July 22, 1867
Dealy A. Dixon vs. Miles Edwards —Jan. 27, 1867
Joseph Green beat up Daniel Green (both negroes) —1867
Josephine Herrington (colored) vs. Wesley Atkinson (colored) — Jan. 29, 1867
Delilah Daniel (colored) vs. Lazarus Daniel —April 30, 1867
William Frances Carney vs. Arden Hatton —Feb. 1, 1867
Margaret Jane Warren vs. George McGowan —Jan. 29, 1867
Nicie Barrett (colored) vs. Turner Joyner (colored) —Dec. 21, 1866
Famie Barrett (colored) vs. John Barrett (colored) —Dec. 21, 1866
Della Hazleton vs. Wade Chapman —Mar. 9, 1867
Sally Ann Spain vs. John J. Walston —Feb. 19, 1867
Arceny Cherry (colored) vs. McG. L. Cherry —July 22, 1867 —dau. born Aug. 25, 1866
Mary Foreman (colored) vs. Monroe Foreman (colored) —Jan. 29, 1867
Jammina Fleming (colored) vs. Prince Moore (colored) —Jan. 29, 1867
Adline Barrett (colored) vs. Howell Barrett (colored) —Dec. 24, 1866
Mary Eliza Carney (colored) vs. Willis Carney (colored) —April 23, 1867
Betty Moore (colored) vs. Dawson Mooring (colored) —April 23, 1867
Hasty Andrews (colored) vs. James R. Hardee —Feb. 19, 1867
Charlotte Moore (colored) vs. Charles Langley (colored) —March 15, 1867
Aliff A. C. Stancill (colored) vs. Frank Bell (colored) —Jan. 29, 1867
Amey Little (colored) vs. Oliver Little (colored) —April 23, 1867

Wills & Testaments: Book 1

Pitt County Court House
Greenville, North Carolina

Abstracted and contributed by Elizabeth Ross.
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Part 2

33. **Grimes, Bryan.**

Pitt. June 13, 1859. Aug. Term 1860. Son William Grimes. 2 Grandsons: Bryan Grimes, son of Bryan Grimes Junior, and Wiley Grimes Cowper, son of my dau. Mary B. Cowper; their legacies to be held in trust by son William Grimes until they reach age 21, or if they die before 21, to revert to parents, Bryan Grimes and Mary B. Cowper, respectively. Bryan Grimes Grist, legacy to be held in trust by son William Grimes until he reaches age 21; if he should die before 21, to revert to my son John G. B. Grimes. Son: John G. B. Grimes, note. Son: Bryan Grimes, negroes Old Nicey, Ellis and Jack (a cooper). Dau.: Susan, wife of John G. B. Myers, negroes Comfort, boy Street, Old Stephen, Ephraim, Greene, Abner, Holland, Agnes and her 2 children, and Louisa. Dau.: Mary B. Cooper, negroes Samson, Vincent, Redding, Becky, Margaret, Tillie, Barbara and her children. To Mrs. Thomas H. Blount in her lifetime, then to her son William A. Blount, negroes now in her possession, viz Old Becky, Moring, Mary and her children. Two daus.: Ann and Olivia, remainder of estate equally divided. Exec.: son William Grimes. Wits.: D. B. Perry, R(ichard) S. Donnell. —Wb. 1, p. 40.

34. **Keel, Simon.**

Pitt. Feb. 22, 1841. May Term 1842 (re-recorded). "Low in health". Grandson: James F. Keel. Wife: Penny Keel, negro woman Hana or Anna [? hard to read] and her youngest child Louisa, also negroes Olivia, Eliza. Dau.: Nancy Moore and her children. Dau.: Margaret Kinsaul wife of Reuben Kinsaul. Exex.: wife Penny. Wits.: Blount Speir, John Bugh. —Wb. 1, p. 43.

35. **Allen, Titus C.**

Pitt. Mar. 7, 1860. May Term 1860. Wife: Annay. "My children" share alike. Exec.: friend Elias J. Blount. Wits.: H. M. Rountree, Alexander Carr. —Wb. 1, p. 45.

36. **Davis, Alfred.**

Pitt. Mar. 17, 1860. May Term 1860. Bro.: Richard B. Davis, negro woman Jane and her 2 children Chaney [or Charey?] and Netta and all their increase. Sisters: Delphia Tugwell, wife of Robert Tugwell; Arnisa Allen, widow of Elias Allen; and Sally Davis. Nephew: John Walston, son of my sister Christiann Walston. Exec.: bro. Richard B. Davis. Wits.: Allen Bynum, Donnell Horton. —Wb. 1, p. 46.

37. **Barnhill, Marina.**

Pitt. Mar. 12, 1860. Probate not dated. Bro.: Standly D. Barnhill. Mother Lucrecy Barnhill, her lifetime, and then to divide between my 2 sisters: Mary Whichard, wife of William Whichard, and Nurtia Fleming, wife of Ivey Fleming. Exec.: Ivey Fleming. Wits.: John S. Fleming, Peter Fleming. —Wb. 1, p. 47.

38. **Tyson, Charlotte.**

Pitt. Jan. 9, 1859. May Term 1860. Daus.: Gracy Moye and Clemmy Allen. 4 grandchildren: Gracy Frances Nichols, Clemmy Ary [later Areny] Nichols, Mary Jane Nichols, Martha Elizebeth Nichols. Exec.: none given. Wits.: Josiah Hodges, Samuel A. Kittrell. (Probate note: will brought to court by George Moye, and attested by the subscribing witnesses.) —Wb. 1, p. 48.

39. **Langley, Godfrey.**

Pitt. Nov. 1, 1859 [probate entry indicates Mar. 1, 1859]. Feb. Term, 1860. Wife: Margaret, "lands conveyed by Hillary Cason to my father James Langley". Son: James L. Langley; youngest son: James Marion [should be Frank Marion]; son: David P. Langley. Daus.: Mary R. James, Delila E. Doughty, Virginia C. Langley, Margaret Malvina Langley. Negroes (unnamed) to be equally divided among wife and surviving children. Execs.: sons David P. and James L. Langley. Wits.: T. Sparrow, L. G. Little. —Wb. 1, p. 48.

40. **Briley, Benjamin.**

Pitt. Jan. 28, 1853. Re-recorded. To dau. Mary Briley and son William S. Briley (under 21), land and negroes Harriet, Frances, Frank, Richard, Isabella, Cato, Bill, Arcena, Kit & wife Cintha. Dau. Elizabeth Stephens. My "several heirs as named": Martha Turnage, Willis Briley, the children of Bennet Briley. My "other heirs": dau. Elizer Andrews, Winnefred Ballard, the children of Jesse Briley, Nancy Vines, each one negro. My children & grandchildren, each 1/10th part of remaining estate as follow: Martha Turnage, John Briley, Willis Briley, the children of Bennet Briley, Mary Briley, the children of Jesse Briley by his first wife, Nancy Vines. Trustee Charles Greene to manage bank stock for my several heirs: Martha Turnage, John Briley, Willis Briley, Nancy Vines, Elizer Andrews, Winnefred Ballard, Mary Briley, William S Briley, the children of Bennet Briley, dec'd., the children of Jesse Briley by his first wife. Exec.: (Charles Greene? implied). Wits.: W. K. Delaney, David House. (Will originally filed in Will Book 1842-1855, p. 127, re-recorded after the 1858 fire). —Wb. 1, p. 50.

41. **Carney, Jenny.**

Pitt. Jan. 13, 1851. May Term 1860. Son: Marcus C. S. Cherry, negro man "Naven" [name was in quotation marks], woman Bashaby and her 3 children, John, Alfred and Parthena. Devisee: Emmaniza Whitehurst. 4 Daus.: Patience Thigpen, Elizebeth Harrel, Harriet Cherry, Jennett Mooring (Jennet's trustee to be William Thigpen). Exec.: son Marcus C. S. Cherry, William Thigpen. Wits.: William W. K. Philpott, William A. Whitehurst. —Wb. 1, p. 52.

42. **Johnston, Stephen F.**

Pitt. June 21, 1860. Nov. Term 1861. Son: Stephen Johnston (under 21), 14 negroes, viz, woman Celia, Ben, Hendry, Lydia and her 2 children named Mary and Bob, Peggy, Cherry and her 3 children named Abram, Cora and Adline, Rickey, Henrietta, and Peter, and their increase; also all my estate "except the property now in possession of the Widow of My deceased Bro James Johnston which I give to James Johnstons' Children." If son Stephen should die before 21, then 4/5ths of said property equally to Mother, Leticia Johnston, and my brothers and sisters, viz Robert Johnston of Dyre Co., Tennessee, Mary Summerell, Leticia Evans, John V. Johnston, Martha Stancell, Franklin Johnston, all of Pitt County; and 1/5th to equally divide between the children of my dec'd. bro. Charles and the children of my dec'd. bro. James. If son Stephen should die before 21, then Franklin Johnston to have negro Celia, and Letecia Evans to have negro Ben. None of the negroes are to go to Robert Johnston, his share in other property. Exec. and Guardian to son: Franklin Johnston. Wits.: none. (Probate notes: proved on oaths of Henry Sheppard, Jos. J. Dancy and Germain Bernard). —Wb. 1, p. 53.

43. **Kilpatrick, Sarah.**

Pitt. Mar. 1, 1860. Nov. Term 1860. Oldest dau.: Penelope, negroes Nicholas, Dick and Violet. Dau.: Catherine, wife of John T. House, negroes Elijah, Cato and Nellie. Son: Frances Marion, negroes Jack, Simon and Et [or Eb?]. Son William, negroes Charles, Joe and Bett. Dau.: Sarah, negroes Samuel, _____ [illegible, could be Tarel, Fred, or Pard?], and Jenney. Exec.: Son-in-law John T. House. Wits.: Jessee Nobles, S. B. Kilpatrick. Signed Salie Kilpatrick. —Wb. 1, p. 54.

44. **Little, William.**

Pitt. Aug. 22, 1860. Nov. Term 1860. Nephews: Geo. E. Little and William W. Little, the Hodges Little land. The children of my bro. Hodges Little, negro Windsor. To John R. Moore and Mary E. Moore his sister. Niece: Louisa E. Crandell. Sister: Piety Crandell. The children of my bro. Thomas Little. The children of my bro. Stephen. The children of my sister Hollan Smith. The children of my bro. John Little. The children

of my sister Nancy Daniel. The children of my bro. George Little. The children of my sister Elizabeth Moore. The children of my bro. Hodges Little. For the use of the Little Chappel, $125. Exec.: my cousin Louis G. Little. Wits.: Jas. W. Newmans, Wm. A. Blount Son of Thomas. —Wb. 1, p. 55.

45. **Kittrell, Jethro.**

Pitt. Sept. 25, 1856. Re-recorded. "In bad health". to Wife: Anne. 2 youngest daus.: Lueser and Susan Margaret. My other children Mary Jane, Nancy, Salleyan. Exec.: none stated. Wits.: S. A. Kittrell, Stanly Kittrell. (Court notes: In Nov. Court 1860, Caleb Cannon, adm'r. of Jethro Kittrell, dec'd., vs. Anne, Nancy, Louisa, Mary Jane Kittrell, by H. Sheppard, Guardian to infant defendants. The will was read into the court minutes, showing negroes' names: Mike, Charles, Susan and Flora; and showing the original will was probated prior to fire of Jan. 8, 1858; declares this a true copy.) —Wb. 1, p. 56.

46. **Phillips, Elizabeth.**

Pitt. [1856] County Court Nov. Term 1860. Alfred Moye, Admr. with the will annexed of Elizabeth Phillips, agst. Eliz. E. Phillips, Wm. G. Phillips, Thos. Phillips, Jesse Grizzard & wife Priscilla (petitioners). The court directed the following to be recorded (as re-recorded will) in the Will Book. "Elizabeth Phillips devised and bequeathed to her Daughter Elizabeth E. Phillips all her estate both real and personal in fee absolutely." The original will had been probated in Aug. Term 1856 of this Court, with letters of administration granted to Alfred Moye who qualified, and destroyed in the fire of Jan. 8, 1858. —Wb. 1, p. 56.

47. **Kittrell, Jonathan.**

Pitt. [before Jan. 1858] County Court of Pitt, Nov. Term 1860. Elizabeth, Sarah, John Stanly and Alexander Kittrell by their Guard & next friend Allen Kittrell, agst. Sylvester Garris and wife Penelope & Martha Kittrell and Elias J. Blount administrator, for Stanly Kittrell, Dec'd. "Jonathan Kittrell deced left a will . . . the Contents of said will to be as follows, to Wit;" that wife Rebecca was devised all estate real and personal during her lifetime, and if she marries, to take a dower & and child's part of the personal estate. "That his children as they married or became of age should take the legacies and devises given to them . . ." Sons: John Stanly and Alexander to have all land equally divided. "Other children" a share each in personal estate. —Wb. 1, p. 58.

48. **Spain, James T.**

Pitt. Mar. 16, 1857. May Term 1859, re-recorded. By petition of Sidney H. Spain vs. Drury Spain, D. O. Spain, Stanly Spain, James A. Brown and wife Mary, and Charles H. Spain. "in the year 1857 James T. Spain died leaving the following last will . . . duly proved . . . destroyed by fire. . ." Bro.: Sidney H. Spain. Youngest bro.: Charles H. Spain (my interest in negroes now at my father's). My 4 brothers and my sister. Brother: Stanley S. Spain. Sister: Mary M. Brown. Exec.: bros. Sidney H. and Charles H. Spain. [Note: Only 3 brothers actually names in quoted will; Drury Oliver Spain was the fourth.] —Wb. 1, p. 58.

49. **Slaughter, Theophilus.**

Pitt. Nov. 10, 1850. No probate attached. Wife: Nancy, negroes girls Netty & Jane, 4 children Fanny, William Hesy [?], Selah, Lucy, and all land except 1 acre where the meeting House stands for the use of my Free Will Baptist brothers and sisters. No Exec. named. Wits.: John Stocks, Shadrack Jackson. —Wb. 1, p. 59.

50. **Brickle, Sarah of the Town of Greenville.**

Pitt. Aug. 18, 1851. Aug. Term 1852 [re-recorded]. Of Greenville [lengthy, complex will]. Late husband, Joseph Brickle, dec'd. Trustee Benjamin F. Eborn to oversee all bequests. Dau.: Martha Ann Hoyt, wife of Goold Hoyt. Great granddau: Martha Ann Sherod. Granddaus.: Sally A. Hoyt and Mary E. S. Dancy. Negroes mentioned by name: Sampson, Esias, Jno. (son of Cynthia), Mo (son of Sukey), Dinah, Dianna, Clarissa, Barshebe & her 2 children namely Jno. & Aquilla; man Henry, Ann and her 6 children namely Olivia, Henry, Clary [?], Adaline, Violet, Isaac & George. Exec.: Son-in-law Goold Hoyt and dau. Martha Ann Hoyt. Wits.: Marshall Dickerson, W. J. Blow. Codicil dated May 1, 1852 witnessed by Marshall Dickerson and William Gallagher. —Wb. 1, p. 60.

51. **Williamson, Charlotta.**

Pitt. Jan. 16, 1860. May Term 1861. My brothers and sisters: Henry Peal, Hillary Peal, Cirsena Guardner, Willis Peal, Silvy Lodge, and John Peal, all my estate. Exec.: friend John V. Johnston. Wits.: Samuel Vines, Sr., and Robert (x) Jefferson. —Wb. 1, p. 65.

52. **Stocks, Susan.**

Pitt. Aug. 28, 1859. May Term 1861. Negro slave Blount to be sold, proceeds to go to the heirs of Joseph Ringgold, viz: Leueaser Hardy, Susan J. Jonson, Sara J. Ringgold, and Elisebeth Ringgold. Heirs of Jon Rasberry, $115 to divide among my grandchildren: Mary ann Rasberry, Jesse Rasberry and Susan Rasberry. Heirs of Allen Stocks, $50 to divide among: Jon R. Stocks, William Stocks, Sarah, Elbert, Grasay, Mary Ann and Nicey Stox. Bequests also to: Sara Stocks, Temne Stocks, Larance Stocks, Martha J. Kittrell, Sara Tripp. Remainder to son Jon Stocks (1/2) and the heirs of Allen Stocks (1/2). Exec.: friend Allen Kittrell. Wits.: S. A. Kittrell, Locker Ringgold. —Wb. 1, p. 65.

53. **May, William.**

Pitt. Not dated. No probate attached. Wife: Polly May. 3 sons: John N. [?] May, Thomas D. May, James A. May. 4 daus.: Elizabeth A. May, Fanny E. May, Mary D. May, and Harriett L. May. Exec.: son Thomas D. May. Wits.: Peter Rives, Benjamin (x) Pollard, Benjamin F. Tucker. —Wb. 1, p. 66.

54. **Pollard, Reddick.**

Pitt. Apr. 12, 1855. Feb. Term 1861. Devisees: Jenny Pollard "who now lives with me and has done for some time" (land and negro Daniel); nephew: Reddick Pollard, Jr.; Wilson Pollard, son of Reddick Pollard, Jr.; Elmira Pollard, dau. of sd. Jenny Pollard; dau. Fennetta Teal wife of Moses Teal. Mentioned: land that was my father Averett Pollard's; land where my mother-in-law Elizabeth Pollard once lived; a chest that used to belong to my son Wilson Pollard. Exec.: Son-in-law Moses Teal. Wits.: none. (Probate note: "we Saw him the Said Pollard Make his Mark between his given Name and Sir name" signed by Joseph S. Bell, Joseph R. Stancell, and Richard Rives.) —Wb. 1, p. 67.

55. **Gay, Redden.**

Pitt. Oct. 23, 1860. Feb. Term 1861. Wife Martha Ann Gay, negroes Allsey (aged about 15 yrs), Lydia (aged about 10 yrs) and boy Gabe (aged about 9 yrs). Exec.: friend W. L. Tyer. Wits.: Zeno H. Greene, James Benson. —Wb. 1, p. 69.

56. **Highsmith, James.**

Pitt. Nov. 14, 1860. Feb. Term 1861. Wife: Ann. Son: James H. Highsmith. 3 daus.: Meniza M. Highsmith (one small Bible), Arceny C. Highsmith, Barzela M. Highsmith, and Juliar Robertson. Daus.: Mary Ann C. Highsmith wife of William Highsmith, Nancy L. James wife of Bethel James. Granddau.: Lamma Ann Lavenia Ross. Negro. "Black man Austin" to be sold. Dau.: Elizabeth James. Exec.: friend Joel James, Jr. Wits.: William A. Ross, J. F. Whichard. —Wb. 1, p. 70.

57. **Braxton, Council.**

Pitt. Feb. 16, 1861. May Term 1861. Wife: Sarah, negro boy Albert. 2 sons: Augustus Braxton and Frances M. Braxton, negroes Henry, Harriet, Dick and John. Dau.: Arcenea wife of John Lockomy. Granddau.: Martha Moye. Execs.: 2 sons Augustus and F. M. Braxton. Wits.: Caleb Cannon, J. A. Wortherington. —Wb. 1, p. 71.

58. **Cannon, Mary E.**

Pitt. 1858. Nov. Term 1861. Relative: Sarah Churchill, gold watch. Trustee Dr. Elias J. Blount for half-brother Walter S. Hanrahan, negro Della. Trustee Dr. Elias J. Blount for half-brother James A. Hanrahan, negroes unnamed and land. Exec.: friend Dr. Elias J. Blount. Wits.: Jesse Noble, Jacob McCotter. —Wb. 1, p. 72.

59. **Daniel, Sydney.**

Pitt. May 15, 1861. Nov. Term 1861. Sister: F. E. Daniel, negro woman Nanna and her increase. Bro.: E. P. Daniel, negro boy King Soloman. Father: Benjamin Daniel, remainder of estate. Exec.: father Benjamin Daniel. Wits.: none. (Probate note: Church Perkins, Lewis G. Little & Jos. J. Dancy attested to the handwriting.) —Wb. 1, p. 73.

60. **Moye, Abraham D.**

Pitt. May 20, 1861. Nov. Term 1861. Wife: Martha Jane. Sons: Alfred W. Moye, Abraham J. Moye, Jesse R. Moye (all under age 21), and Joseph George Moye. My nephew W. D. Moye (under 21) and his brothers and sisters: Abraham A. Moye, Martha J. Moye, and A. J. Moye, negro woman Rachel and her increase. Execs. and Guardians to my children: nephews William J. Moye and Moses T. Moye. Wits.: Ben Brown, Jesse Harris. (Probate note: the widow Martha Jane Moye dissented, by her attorney F. B. Satterthwaite.) —Wb. 1, p. 74.

61. **Davis, Richard B.**

Pitt. Sept. 1, 1861. Nov. Term 1861. Brother: B. A. Davis. Sister Arcena Allen and her children. Nephew: John Walston. Exec.: brother B. A. Davis. Wits.: Hymon Moore, Ivy (mark) Norville. —Wb. 1, p. 76.

62. **Wilson, Catherine.**

Pitt. Will not dated. Nov. Term 1861. Brother Samuel Wilson's twin children, Edward Wilson and Lewis Wilson. Sister-in-law: Harriet Wilson. Sister: Sarah Wilson. Mentioned Lewis [or Linus?] Wilson, Joseph Wilson, Linda Wilson. Brother Samuel Wilson's son Shade Wilson. Exec.: Shade Wilson. Wits.: Benjamin Hazelton, Samuel Wilson. —Wb. 1, p. 77.

63. **Cox, Aaron.**

Pitt. Nov. 1, 1856. Probate not dated. Wife: Sarah Cox. Sons: Jessee A. Cox, Hyland Cox. "All my female children." Daughters: Sophia Hardy, her husband James Hardy; Sarah Cox, her husband Jessee Cox; Phily Hardy, her husband Isaac Hardy. Trustee William J. Blow for daughters, their husbands to have no control over their legacies. Exex.: wife Sarah Cox. Wits.: Thomas Royal, W. J. Blow, Thomas Cox. (Probate notes: Wife Sarah declined, and Thomas Cox was appointed administrator with $25,000 bond, sureties B. G. Albritton and T. R. Cherry. —Wb. 1, p. 78.

64. **Albritton, Josiah D.**

Pitt. June 20, 1862. Probate not dated. Wife: Peny Albritton, all my estate, real, personal or mixed. Exec.: friend Samuel H. Langly. Wits.: Jas. L. Paul, Randolph. (Probate notes Saml. H. Langley duly qualified with David Langley and F. B. Satterthwaite as sureties for $1200 bond). —Wb. 1, p. 79.

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Stephen Smith, Revolutionary War Soldier

This is found in the NC Archives in the NC General Assembly Session Records, Nov. -Dec. 1800, Box 3, Rev. War Petitions. Contributed by Roger Kammerer.

"The Petition of Cullen SMITH of Green County Humbly Shewth that his father Stephen SMITH was a Soldzier in the continental line of this State, and died in Service on or about the third of June 1783 and your petitioner Sheweth that a Certain Archibal LYTLE has since drawn the Military warrant your petitioner was entitled to, being the Legal representative of Stephen Smith, as will appear by documents accompaning this petition, and as it appears from the warrant afforesaid, your petitioner prays a Duplicate warrant to issue, or grant him Such other relief as you in your wisdom may seem Just & right and as in duty bound will ever pray &

Dec. 12 1800 Cullen SMITH"

Bible Records

James Blow Bible

This Bible is owned by Mrs. Mary Dorcas Carey, Kinston, NC. The following is taken from a handwritten transcript sent to Roger Kammerer by Thomas Carmalt Blow of Orlando, Fl., in 1990. He wrote: "Copied from the Bible of James Blow. Published by W. E. Norman 1817. Stereotyped by D. & G. Bruce, New York."

James Blow was born March 2 1778
Susanna Blow his wife was born July 6th 1780

Rebecca F. Blow Daughter of the above was born March 13th 1813
Mary A. Blow was born December 27th 1816
James Blow and his wife Susanna Blow was married the 16 Day of February 1812
William J. Blow was born May 10th 1818
Susanna Priscilla Blow was born May 31 1821

James Blow died 26th September 1836
Susanna Blow died August 2 1841
Allie M. Streeter died Oct 17th 1835 Aged 34 y
Susan P. Neville Died July 23rd 1853 Aged 32y 1m 23 days
William J. Blow died August 7th 1864 Aged 48 years, 2 months, 28 days.
Mary A. Bynum died March 13th 1872 Aged 55 years 2 months 16 days.

The William James Blow Bible

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W. J. Blow and D. S. Masters were married 28th April 1840
H. A. Blow and T. A. V. Boddie were married February 23rd 1876
Alex. L. Blow and Alice M. Monteiro were married June 11th 1879 in Manchester Va.
Nathaniel Simmons Fulford and Maud Lillington Blow were married in Greenville, N.C. on the 25th day of April 1900
William Haywood Dail Jr. and Mary Dorcas Blow were married November 18th 1903 in Greenville N.C.

William Richard Blow was born February 10th 1856
Mary Dorcas Blow was born Aril 1, 1857
Lizzie Bynum Blow, Daughter of H. A. and T. A. V. Blow was born January 24th 1877.
William James Boddie Blow son of H. A. and T. A. V. Blow was born October 27th 1878
Joseph Benjamin Higgs, son of J. B. and Mary D. Higgs was born February 27th 1884
Mary Dorcas Higgs Daughter of J. B. and Mary D. Higgs was born Feb. 2, 1886
Elizabeth Emily Higgs Daughter of J. B. and Mary Dorcas Higgs was born March 14th 1888
Nathaniel Simmons Fulford son of N. S. and Maud L. Blow was born March 6th 1901
Alice Monteiro Fulford daughter of N. S. and Maud L. Fulford was born June 8th 1902
Hannah Long Fulford daughter of N. S. and Maud L. Fulford was born Febraury 8th 1904
William Haywood Dail son of W. H. and Mary D. Dail was born July 13th 1907

Joseph Benj. Higgs and Mary Dorcas Blow were married June 7th 1882
Joseph Benj. Higgs Jr. son of J. B. and Mary D. Higgs was born February 27th 1884
Mary Dorcas Higgs daughter of J. B. and Mary D. Higgs was born Feb 2 1886
Elizabeth Emily Higgs daughter of J. B. and Mary D. Higgs was born March 14th 1888
Joseph Benj. Higgs son of J. Benj. Higgs and Avilla Higgs was born Oct 23rd 1916
Mary Dorcas Harding daughter of James B. and Mary Dorcas Harding was born March 8th 1917
Anthony James Carey Jr. son of A. J. Carey and Mary Dorcas Carey was born Sept 26 1944
Maude Lillington Blow, Daughter of A. L. and A. M. Blow was born June 21st 1880
Mary Dorcas Blow daughter of A. L. and A. M. Blow was born March 11th 1882
Frances Ricks Blow daughter of H. A. and T. A. V. Blow was born October 31st 1882
Isaac Sugg Blow son of H. A. and T. A. V. Blow was born October 12th 1884
Lottie Lavinia Blow daughter of A. L. and A. M. Blow was born November 28th 1884

Births
Alice Monteiro Blow, daughter of A. L. and A. M. Blow was born July 24th 1886
Alexander Lillington Blow son of A. L. and A. M. Blow was born Dcember 21st, 1887
Celestia Minora Blow Daughter of H. A. and T. A. V. Blow was born March 4th 1887
Tho's. George Blow was born Feb 28th 1889
Cornelia Virginia Blow was born April 1st 1891
Margaret Sheppard Blow daughter of A. L. and A. M. Blow was born September 17th 1891
Florence Eurelia Blow, daughter of A. L. and A. M. Blow was born April 7th 1893

Joseph Benj. Higgs Jr. and Avilla Wallace were married Nov
Jarvis B. Harding and Mary Dorcas Higgs were married Feb. 16 1915
Preston Arthur Tyson and Mary Dorcas Higgs Harding were married Dec 28 1927
Hamner W. Winstead and Eliz. Emily Higgs were married June 7, 1920
Anthony James Carey and Mary Dorcas Harding were married May 24, 1941

Benj. Arthur Carey son of A. J. & Mary Dorcas Carey born Aug 7, 1947
Clifton West Carey son of A. J. & Mary Dorcas Carey was born April 22, 1950

James Blow died May 15, 1842
W. J. B. Blow died February 23 1841 [1844?]
John Becton Blow died July 7th 1846
Ida Maria Blow died October 25 1849
Baby died 2 July 1853
William J. Blow died August 7 1864
William R. Blow died December 31 1881
T. A. V. Blow, wife of H. A. Blow died Feb 17, 1893
Dorcas Blow wife of W. J. Blow died Sept 1885
Lizzie A. Blow died June 6 1888 (wife of R. A. Bynum)
Samuel Joseph Masters Blow died May 27th 1909

Births
James Blow was born May 2nd 1841
Elizabeth Allie Blow was born November 17th 1842
W. J. B. Blow was born February 3 1844
John Becton Blow was born July 20th 1845
Ida Maria Blow was born January 18 1847
Henry Arthur Blow was born September 5 1848
Alexander Lillington Blow was born 29 June 1851
Baby was born 29 January 1853
Samuel Joseph Masters Blow was born 24 April 1854
Thomas George Blow was born February 28th 1889

Cornelia Virginia Blow was born April 1st 1891
Samuel Joseph Masters Blow was born April 24 1854 Died May 27 1909
Richard Blow was born February 19 1856. Died December 31 1881
Mary Dorcas Blow was born April 1st 1857
Lizzie Bynum Blow was born January 24 1877
William James Boddie Blow was born October 27 1878
Francis Ricks Blow was born October 31st 1882
Isaac Sugg Blow was born October 12th 1884
Celestia Minora Blow was born March 4th 1887

Children of Alexander Lillington Blow and Alice Monteiro Blow:
Maude Lillington Blow born June 21st 1880
Mary Dorcas Blow born March 11th 1882
Lottie Lavinia Blow born November 28th 1884
Alice Monteiro Blow born July 24 1886
Alexander Lillington Blow born December 21 1887
Margaret Sheppard Blow born Sept 17 1891
Florence Emelia Blow born April 7 1893

William James Blow, Dorcas S. Blow were married 28 April 1840
Henry Arthur Blow, Virginia Boddie were married February 23 1876. Virginia died Feb 17 1893
Alex. Lillington Blow, Alice Monteiro were married June 11th 1879 in Manchester Virginia
James Blow born May 2, 1847, Died May 15th 1842 [?]
Elizabeth Alice Blow was born Nov 17 1842 (Note: should be "Allie")
W. J. B. Blow was born Feb 3 1844, Died Feb 23, 1844
John Becton Blow was born July 20 1845. Died July 7, 1846
Ida Maria Blow was born Jan 18 1847. Died Oct 25, 1849
Henry Arthur Blow was born Sept 5 1848
Alexander Lillington Blow was born June 29, 1851
Baby born January 29th 1853, died July 2nd 1853

Joyner Wingate Bible

This Bible, The People's Standard Edition Holy Bible, Old and New Testament and Apocryphal Writings, is owned by Mrs. Barbara Cox Manning. It was published by Bradley, Garretson & Co., Philadelphia and by B. F. Johnson & Co., Ricmond, Va. 1876. Transcribed and Contributed by Brenda Davis Stocks.

This certifies that the Rite of Holy Matrimony was celebrated between Joyner Wingate of Pitt County, N.C. and Nancy B. McGlohon of Pitt County, N. C. on January 31, 1869 at Jerry McGlohon's by Elder T. N. Manning
Witness Craven Sumrell
Witness Benjamin F. McGlohon

Births
Joyner Wingate Son of Henry and Nancy Wingate was born February 19 1850
Nancy B. Wingate Daughter of Jerry and Susan McGlohon was born May 5 1848
Winaford Daughter of Joyner and Nancy B. Wingate was born Dec. 17 1869
Richard Son of Joyner and Nancy B. Wingate was born Sept. 15, 1871
Charity Daughter of Joyner and Nancy B. Wingate was born April 26 1875
Maggie Daughter of Joyner and Nancy B. Wingate was born Nov. 13 1876
Nancy Daughter of Joyner and Nancy B. Wingate was born Oct. 31 1878
Fannie Daughter of Joyner and Nancy B. Wingate was born March 15 1881

Bula Daughter of Joiner and Nancy B. Wingate was born Nov. 12 1882
James Olen Wingate son of Joiner and Nancy Wingate was born Aug the 31 1884
David A. Wingate son of Joiner and Nancy Wingate was bornd the 10th Nov 1886
Susan A. daughter son of Joiner and Nancy B. Wingate was born the September the 5th 1888
Lucy O. daughter son of Joiner and Nancy Wingate was born 28 of June 1890 in A D
Pearlie E. Wingate daughter of Joyner and Nancy B. Wingate was born Jan __th 1894
Lyman Wingate son of Ollen & Ida Wingate was bor Nov 10 1903 A. D.

Marriages
Winiford Wingate & John Turnage was married Febuary the 1 in A D 1888
Richard Wingate and Mary Spivy was marrid on 5 of March in A D 1890
Maggie Wingate and Ulisses Jackson was married on 13 of Nov. A D 1894
Nannie Wingate and Benjamin Hall was married on 18 of Nov. A D 1895
Fannie Wingate and Frank Dail was married Dec. 14th 1898
Bula Wingate and Will Johnson was married Oct 3 1900
James O. Wingate and Ida Humbles was married in the year of our lord 1902 Dec 21
Alice Wingate and Buttler Allen was married December the 23 1906
D. Adolph Wingate and Ella W. Peed was married Mar. 28, 1908
Lucy Wingate and Seth Tyson was married Jan. 2. 1910
J. Ollen Wingate and Ethel Mae Mumford was married Dec 18 1912
Pearl E. Wingate and Seth Tyson was married July 29, 1914

Deaths
Charity daughter of Joyner and Nancy B. Wingate departed this life on Sept 19th 1875 Aged 4 months and 23 days
Lucy O Tyson Wife of Seth Tyson died Feb. 27 1913 A. D. Age 22 yr 9 mo 23
Infant son of Lucy O. Tyson and Seth Tyson died Mar 13 1913 A. D. Age 24 days
Lucy Hellen Estell daughter of Lucy & Seth Tyson born Feb 27 1913 died May 9 1913. Age 2 month 12 days.
Joyner Wingate departed this life July 6, 1917 age 67 years 4 months and 17 days
Nancy B. Wingate wife of Joyner Wingate departed this life Sept. 19 1919. Age 71 years 4 months and 14 days
Minnie Tickle wife of John Tickle died Sept. 14 1926
Richard Wingate died May 16th 1923
Nannie Wingate Hall died Mar 23 1932
Lary Mashburn Wingate was born July 5 1909
Adock Wingate died on June 29 19___
Bula Jones Wingate died on April 20 1963
Fannie Wingate Dail died on Dec. 24 1963
Maggie W. Jackson died on May 7 1966
Alice W. Vandiford died on Oct 16 1966
James Ollen Wingate died Wednesday June 28th, 1944
Pearlie Wingate Tyson died Wednesday Dec. 24th, 1947
W. H. Johnson died Feb. 27 1907
Birth and death of Lyman E. Wingate son of Ollen and Ida Wingate was born Nov. 10, 1903 and died May 29, 1906

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Queries

Looking for information on the ancestry of John MEEKS (1817-1833(?)) and his wife, Sarah Elizabeth WAINRIGHT/ VAINRIGHT (1824-1900). They are found in the 1850 Pitt County Census. Is Sarah' s maiden name WAINRIGHT or VAINRIGHT ? She is buried in the same MEEKS cemetery as Rebecca WAINRIGHT BRILEY. Both women are assumed to be the daughters of Noah WAINRIGHT. I'm also looking for any information regarding a reputed lawsuit during the 1840's which split the WAINRIGHT family, causing the variation in spelling.
—Ree STOMER; 4806 Southwind Dr., Kingsport, TN 37664-5023 (423-323-7543)
E-mail: reestomer@aol.com

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I would be grateful for any information on the ancestry of Thomas DAIL (ca. 1851-1900) and his wife, Sarah CANNON (ca. 1857-1873), both of Pitt County.
—Janice Tripp GURGANUS; 211 Gloria Street, Greenville, NC 27858-8627 (252-355-6974)
E-mail: janicegurganus@sprintmail.com

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Arnold HOPKINS is found in the 1761 Pitt County Tax List having 3 taxable white males and 0 slaves. I believe this was for himself and 2 sons: William HOPKINS and Lewis HOPKINS. I need to prove this relationship. Any help would be appreciated.
—Martha Gay MORTON; 3761 Blue Ridge Rd., West Palm Beach, FL 33406-4148 (561-967-2327)
E-mail: SANMUDIL@bell south.net

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I am seeking information on the North Carolina Regiment of the Continental Line that in which men in the Pitt County area would have served in the Revolution. If anyone has a list of soldiers, I would appreciate information on any SMITHS who served.
—William James SMITH; 317 Oakwood Circle, Danville, VA 24541 (804-793-7432)

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Reuben Pearce
NC General Assembly Session Records, Nov.-Dec. 1807, Box 2, Joint Committee Reports.

"The petition of the Heirs of Reuben PIERCE of the County of Pitt humbly represent That the said Reuben PIERCE enlisted as a soldier in the Continental line of this State in the late revolutionary War and faithfully served in the same until the Battle at the Utaw Springs at which time and place he was kill'd his name appears on the Muster roll, and that he was Mustered in 1781 and Omitted the same Year and it also appears that no Warrant has ever been drawn in his name. Your petitioners therefore prays Your Honorable body, to pass a resolution directing the secretary of State to Issue a Military Warrant to them for such quantity of Land as they are entitled to for the services of the said Reuben in consequence of his having been killed in the service of his Country and they as in duty bound will ever pray &e. The Heirs of Reuben PEARCE"

"State of North Carolina Pitt County} this day came James BAITS Before me John BOWERS one of the Justices of the peace for Said County & after Being Duly Sworn on the Holy Evangelus of almighty God Deposeth and Saith Reubin PIERCE Was a Listed Soldger in the amearican Servis and was trained and Exersised under the comand of Capt. anthony SHARP and in the year 1781 at the Batle of the youtaw Springs the said Reubin PIERCE went into axtion and that never Returnd Back and the Deponant Saith that he Belivs was kild in that Batle and further this Deponant Saith not

James BATES {seal}

Test John BOWERS JP March 26th 1808"

"Rubin PEIRCE a Solger of pitt County was kild in GATES is Defeet
William PIERCE the heir of sd Rubin"

James Shivers
General Assembly Session Records, Nov.-Dec. 1808, Box 3, Revolutionary War Petitions

"To the Honorable the General Assembly of the State of North Carolina"
The Petition of Jesse SHIVERS humbly Sheweth that his Brother James SHIVERS enlisted as a Soldier in the continental line of this State in the Revolutionary War, and Stands mustered for 36 months as appears by the muster roles in the Secretaries office, and that a warrant for 274 acres of Land did Issue to the heirs of said James SHIVERS, as a compensation for the time he was mustered but your petition by the testimony herewith submitted can prove that his brother James aforesaid died while in the service of his Country, and was in right entitled to six hundred & forty acres of Land. Wherefore your petitioner humbly prays your Honorable body to direct the Secretary to Issue a warrant in the name of the heirs of the sd. James SHIVERS for such further quantity of Land as Shall make up the six hundred & forty acres & he as in duty bound will ever pray Jesse SHIVERS"

"State of North Carolina Pitt County} Came before me this eighth Day of December in the Year of our Lord one thousand eight Hundred & eight William SPAIN and made Oath on the Holy Evangelists of Almighty God that he was a Continental Soldier in the Seige of Charleston and there Saw a Certain Continental Soldier by the Name of James SHIVERS that received a very bad Wound in his left Leg from a Bomb Shell, which said wound proved Mortal and he Died.
Sworn & Subscribed to before me the Day & date first above written

William [his Mark] SPAIN

attest Edmund RICKS J.P."

Moses Dean
NC General Assembly Session Records, Nov.-Dec. 1807, Box 2, Joint Committee Reports.

"N. Carolina Wake County} This day personally appeard before me William PECK one of the Justices for said county Jesse JONES and made oath that he the said Jesse JONES is well acquainted with Moses DEAN who removed himself from this State and county of Pitt into the State of Georgia and is now Living in Washington county in said State the deponant further sayeth that he believes the facts stated in the petition of the said Moses DEAN to be true as therein stated and deponant further sayeth that he does not believe that the said Moses DEAN has ever received any thing from this State or the United States or any of them and is an object that needs the clemmency of the Legeslature owing to the wound which he the Said DEAN received as stated in his petition Sworn to and Subscribed this 25th Nov 1807
Wm PECK J.P. Jesse JONES"

"N. Carolina Wake County} This day came before me William PECK one of the Justices County forsaid John MOORE of said county and made Oath while he lived in pitt county he was acquanted with Moses DEAN of that county and often heard the friends of said DEAN says that the said Moses DEAN was incapable of labouring for a living the deponant further sayeth that some time past he saw Joel PORTER of the State of Georgia and made some enquiry about Moses DEAN his ansr. was that he the said DEAN was worse of or as bad as ever and said at the Same time he the said PORTER understood a number of bones had come out of his leg owing to the wound which he received in the defence of his country in the last war with Great Brittin
Sworn to before me and Suscribed this 26th day Novr. 1807
William PECK J Peace John MOORE"

"To the Honourable the Senate and house of Representatives of the State of North Carolina
The Petition of Moses DEAN formerly a Citizen of the said State together with others humbly Sheweth that on or Near the Eight day of September in the year 1781 When that Ever Memoreable Battle was fought in the Sate of South Carolina at the Place Known by the Name of the Utaw Springs Under the Command of the Honourable Mager general GREEN he your Petitioner Whilst in action Received a grevious Wound from the Enemy by a ball which Broke the bone of his Leg the direfull Effect of Which has Rendered him Uncapeble of gaining a Suport by honest Labour for the Calls of Nature & the Nesseserys of Life we deplore it as a great Neglect in your officers who Commanded the Redgement which Apears to be the Honourable Collonel James ARMSTRONG or that of his Subordinate officers who Commanded the company which is Said to be Captain SHARP then from Chatam County that his Name has never been Returnd on the Pension List. we are very sory to observe that Whilst others under the same Curcumstances through the frugalitty of there Contry Injoys a Comfortable Suport & Maintainance Whilst your Petitioner is Left to Repine in destress Mesery and Want Who at the Same time Suported that Honourable Cause at the Expence of his Blood We Nevertheless from the Patriotik Preceedings of your honourable house in Suport of that Meritorious Cause beleave that Such Vertue will yet Meet with an honourable Reward & that in your Wisdom you will Adopt Such Mesures as will give Releaf to your distressed Petitioner Which is the humble and Sencere Prayer of Us Whose Names are Subscribed
John JONES Blacksmith
Joel PORTER
Fredreck PORTER
Noble PORTER
Saml ROBISON
M. NEWTON
Wm LIONS } one who was in the Battle
Wm WYATT
Samuel HUGGINS
James NEELY
Wm COATS
Philip WHICHARD

John BOUTIN
Joseph PIERCE"

"Georgia Washington County
Personally Appeared before me Moses DEEN & After being Duly Sworn According to Law Deposeth & Saith that he was Wounded at the Utaw Springs Agreeable to the Within Petition & Never has Received Any Kind of Relief, as Pention as Yet though has been Reduced to Distress
Saml ROBISON JP Moses (his mark) DEEN"

"North Carolina Secretary's Office, 5th Decr. 1807.
This certifies that Moses DEAN stands mustered in SHARPS Company on the 15th April 1781 for 12 months remarked against his name "discharged 1st. Feby. 1782."
Given under my Hand at Raleigh the date aforesaid Will. WHITE Sec."

Thomas Laughinghouse
NC General Assembly Session Records, Nov.-Dec. 1807, Box 2, Revolutionary War Petitions.

"To the Honorable the General Assembly"
The representation & petition of the Heirs of Thomas LAUGHINGHOUSE late Soldier in the line of this State Represent That the said Thomas their ancestor was a Soldier regularly mustered and discharged from the said service and was entitled to a warrant for his quota of Lands alloted the officers & Soldiers of the late army. It appears that no warrant hath issued either to the said Thomas or his representatives. Therefore Your Petitioners pray that the Secretary of State may be directed to issue, to the Heirs of the said Thomas a warrant for such quantity of Land as he was entitled to for his Services aforesaid. And they will pray &e"

"About the year 1779 when I first came to live in the County of Beaufort Mr Thomas LAUGHINGHOUSE a Bricklayer by trade was there at work for Mr. WILSON near to Washington and being a drinking old man was frequently boasting about being a Soldier and to prove that he had been such he shew'd to me a discharge or furlough which had been given from being infirm as well as I remember but I cannot be positive what officer I think Colo. John PATTON
Washington August 15th. 1807. JGBLOUNT"

"North Carolina Beaufort County} These may Certify that Benjamin HODGES BLOUNT of the County aforesaid came before me John Gray BLOUNT of the Justices of the Peace for said County and made Oath that he was well acquainted with Mr. Thomas LAUGHINGHOUSE and knows that he enlisted into the North Carolina Line of Continental Troops in the time of the late revolutionary war and he believes he enlisted for three years and did march to the northward and stayed there a considerable time he thinks several years three or more and he understood was discharged when he came home from infirmity
Sworn to before me this 18th. day of June 1807. B H BLOUNT
JGBLOUNT J.P."

Joshua Cherry
NC General Assembly Session Records, Nov.-Dec. 1809, Box 4.

"State of Tennessee Sumner County} These are to Certify that Mr. Joshua CHERRY, came before me Edward GEVIN one of the Justices assigned to keep the peace for the said County of Sumner, and made oath on the holy evangelist of Almighty God, that he was very well acquainted with Prince Orange WRIGHT; a nine months Soldier, in the last revolutionary War against great Britain, in the Third North Carolina Regment, and in Capt. Francis CHILDS'S Company; and the deponant deposeth & Sayeth that he and the said Prince Orange WRIGHT did serve together, and they were marched to the State of New York, to West point on North River; and there Stationed, and the deponant Sayeth that the said Prince Orange WRIGHT was taken Sick; and Carryed to the Auspittle at New Winsor; and the deponant deoseth

that he went to the Auspittle, and saw the said Prince Orange WRIGHT, very dangerious Sick and he went again to see the Sick a litle time afterward and the said Prince Orange WRIGHT was dead as he was told; The deponant Sayeth that he did not See him dead, but is well convinced that he did die. The deponant further sayeth not.
Swore to & Subscribed, and Assigned Joshua (his mark) CHERRY
in the presence of
Edward GEVIN JP"

Ezekiel White
NC General Assembly Session Records, Nov.-Dec. 1809, Box 4.

"State of North Carolina Martin County} Personally Appeared before Lemuel KENNEDY one of the Justice assigned to keep the peace for the Said County aforesaid Ezekiel WHITE who being duly Sworn on the holy Evengelist of Almighty God Deposeth and Sayeth that Robert COWIN inlisted in the 4th Regment of the Continental lines, of this State in the year 1776 that he inlisted for three years and surved his term out and he inlisted again and how long he Surved the last time the deponant can not tell and this Deponant further Sayeth that he was a Continental Soldier at the same time with the said COWIN and Deponant further Sayeth that he went under the Command of John Pugh WILLIAMS and this deponant further Sayeth not; signed and sealed in the Presence of 12th day of October AD 1809
Test Leml KENNEDY Ezekiel (his Mark) WHITE"

Jesse Woolard
NC General Assembly Session Records, Nov.-Dec. 1809, Box 4.

"State of North Carolina Martin County} Personally appeared before me Lemuel KENNEDY one of the Justice assigned to keep the peace for the County aforesaid Jesse WOOLLARD who being duly Sworn on the holy Evengelist of Almighty God Deposeth and Sayeth that he was very well acquainted with a Certain Burwell LOYD inlised in the 5th Ridgment of the Continental Line of this state in the year 1777 and this Deponant further sayeth that the said Burwell LOYD in listed three years or during of the war and surved untill he Died and this Deponant further sayeth he was a Continental soldier at the same time with the said Burwell LOYD under the Command of Benjamin COLEMAN Capt. and this Deponant further sayeth that he saw the said Burwell LOYD after he was dead and further this deponant further sayeth not signed and sealed and sworn to before me this 10th of October 1809
Test Leml KENNEDY Jesse (his mark) WOOLLARD"

Morgan Knight
NC General Assembly Session Records, Nov.-Dec. 1809, Box 3, Revolutionary War Petitions.

"State of North Carolina Craven County}
Personally Appeared before me John BANKS Senr. who being Duly Sworn on the Holy Evangelist of Almighty God deposeth and Saith that Morgan KNIGHTS was a Soldier in the Continental army, that he Inlisted for the term of five years, that he died in the Service of the United States before his term of Inlistment Expired, the Said KNIGHTS was a Citizen of the State and County Aforsd. this deponant further Saith that the nearest of Kin and only heir to the Said Morgan KNIGHTS was his Sister Sarah KNIGHTS who Intermarried with John RIGGS, who is Since dead by whom She had Several chidrens, to wit John, Wiley, Jimmy, Betsy, Mimah, and Sally, all of whom are now Living together with their Mother Sarah RIGGS, the whole Blood Sister of the Said Morgan KNIGHTS Decd
Sworn to before me this 27th day of Oct. 1809 John (his Mark) BANKS
Jn. F. SMITH J. P. & Commr. Affts."

William Page
NC General Assembly Session Records, Nov.-Dec. 1809, Box 3, Revolutionary War Petitions.

"To the Honorable The General Assembly of the State of No. Carolina
The Petition of William PAGE of Pitt County humbly represents That your petitioner served as a Soldier in the Cumberland Batalion and was entitled to receive Out of the Public Treasury of the State aforesaid the sum of Thirty five pounds three Shillings and nine pence for his services performed against the Indians pursuant to an Act of the General Assembly passed in December 1797. Besides a Bounty in Land as will more fully appear from the Comptrollers Certificate herewith Submitted. Your petitioner therefore States that he has never received any part of his Allowances in Land as aforesaid And prays Your honorable body to pass a resolution directing the proper Officers to pay the sum and he as in duty bound will ever pray &c Wm PAGE"

"William PAGE a private in the Cumberland Battalion in Captain Joshua HADLEY'S Company for Services performed from the 10th of Frebruary 1788 to the 26th August 1789 viz 291 1/2 days at 2/6 one half of the above Service having been paid in Land.

"Recd. this 16th of January 1798 the Sum of Thirty five pounds three Shillings and nine pence in full for my Services as a private Soldier in the Cumberland Battalion, for which I have given two rects. fos., of the Same date (Signed) William PAGE
Comptrollers Office 18th. Decemr. 1809
I Certify the foregoing to be a true Copy taken from the Books &c in this Office
HGOODWIN Comptr" **[Petition Rejected]**

William Sutton
NC General Assembly Session Records, Nov.-Dec. 1812, Box 4.

"State of No. Carolina Lenoir County} personally appeared before me this day William SUTTON of the County aforesaid & after being duly sworn Deposeth and sayeth -That he was Solder in the last revolution War & Served under Jacob JOHNSTON as Captain & that he was well acquainted with Isaac PARKER who served under the same Captain & that at the Battle of Rock Fish the said Isaac PARKER was severely Wounded in the Head, Arms, thigs & Legs, this deponant further Sayeth that he helptd to carry the said PARKER between three & four miles on a Blanket, & assesed in Nursing him until he was nearly well, & do now know the said PARKER & think him an object of Legislative Linity
Sworn & Subscribed William (his mark) SUTTON
before me the 8th. Novr. 1813
Jas BRIGHT J. P."

Daniel Bullock
NC General Assembly Session Records, Nov.-Dec. 1812, Box 3.

"State of North Carolina Pitt County} Personally appeared before me John BOWERS a Justice of the peace for the said County Mr. Daniel BULLOCK & made Oath that he Served with a Certain Henry LOYD in the nine months touer; untill report said he died; The deponant further sayeth that they both were in One Company, in Capt Francis CHILDS Company. The deponant further sayeth that he did not see him the said LOYD After his death; but is fully Convinced that he did die, in Actual service as he was informed so and the said LOYD has never returned Home the deponant deposeth that does not exactly remember what Regment he served in but was in one of the No. Carolina Regments; the deponant further sayeth not. Sworn to & Suscribered before me under hand & Seal this 11th day Jany AD 1810
John BOWERS J. P. Daniel (his mark) BULLOCK
{Seal}"

John TAYLOR
NC General Assembly Session Records, Nov.-Dec. 1811, Box 2.

"State of North Carolina Edgecombe County}
this day Edward SUMERLING of lawfull age Came before me (Amos JOHNSTON one of Justices for Said County) and made oath upon on the Holy Evangelist that Some time in american Revolutionary War John TAYLOR & Solomon GAY went out Soldiers in the army from this County and that Some time after they went out it was Reported they both Died in the Servis & that he the Deponant has Lived in the County Ever Since and they have not Returnd. as he Knows of & further that his the said Deponants Son intermarried with the widdow of Said John TAYLOR and it has always been understood the Said TAYLOR & GAY was Dead
Subscribed and Sworn to before me} Edward (his mark) SUMERLING
the 3rd Decr. 1810
Amos JOHNSTON J. P." **[Allowed]**

"State of North Carolina Edgecombe County}
Personally Came before me Saml. RUFFIN one of the Justices of the Peace for Said County Mistress Faithy SUMRELL and after Being Sworn upon the holy Evangelist Deposeth and Sayeth, that John TAYLOR (at that time her husband) went out into the 3 months Service, and before his Return home he was Drafted into the twelve months Service and was under the command of Genl. GREENE and was in the fight at Guilford Court house from thence he returned home, and then went of into the Said 12 months service, and Died in Service near the High hills of Santee to the best of her recollection and further She Sayeth not
Sworn to before me Faithy (her mark) SUMRELL
This 1st Day of Decr. 1810}
Saml. RUFFIN J. Peace" **[Rejected]**

"State of North Carolina Edgecombe County}
This day Simon EDWARDS of lawfull age Cambe fore me Amos JOHNSTON one of Justices for Said County and after being Duely Sworn upon on the Holy Evengelist Deposeth and sayeth John TAYLOR of Edgecombe County was a Soldier in the twelve months Service in the late American war and Seved in the same company with the Deponant for a Considerable time and when the armey was about the High Hills of Santee in the State of South Carolina Said John TAYLOR was taken Sick and went out in the country upon Firlough and never Returnd. to his Company a gain Dureing the Campeign and that it was Reported after Said TAYLOR was gone in the Country that he was Dead and he the Deponant Believe it to be true as he was a Neghbour of his (the Deponant) and that he Never has Returnd. home as he the Deponant believes and he the Deponant further Sayeth not
Subscribed and Sworn to before me} Simon (his mark) EDWARDS
the 10th Day of December 1807}
Amos JOHNSTON J. P.}"

Solomon Gay
NC General Assembly Session Records, Nov.-Dec. 1811, Box 2.

"State of North Carolina Edgecombe County}
Personally Came before me Samuel RUFFIN one of the Justices of the Peace for Said County, Mr. William GAY and after Being Sworn upon the holy Evangelist of Almighty God Deposeth and Sayeth that his Brother Solomon GAY went Into the Service for 3 months and was at Guilford under The command of Genl. GREENE and fought at Said place & then Returned home, & afterwards was returned for 12 Months and went out again for that Length of time and Died as he believes (and as he was informed by his brother Richard GAY now Dec.d who was with him at the time of his the Said Solomons Death) at or near the high Hills of Santee and further he Sayeth not

Sworn to before me this
1st Day of Decr. 1810}
Saml. RUFFIN J. Peace"

William (His mark) GAY Senr.

[Allowed]

Noah Robson
NC General Assembly Session Records, Nov.-Dec. 1811, Box 3.

"State of No. Carolina Pitt County} Personally Appeared before me Mr. Daniel BULLOCK; and made Oath that he Served with a Certain Noah ROBESON a nine months Soldier, from the said State & County Aforesaid; as a Continental Soldier; in Capt Francis CHILDS Company; untill the said ROBESON died, which the deponant deposeth that he died in the Barrock at Philiphia. and the deponant further Sayeth that he Saw him After his death the deponant further sayeth not
Swore to and Subscribed under his hand
and Seal the 11th Jany. AD 1810
John BOWERS"

Daniel (his mark) BULLOCK {Seal}

[Allowed]

"I Here by certify that Noah ROBSON was a 9 months Soldger and went in to Servis from my neigh Bour hood and never Returnd from the Serves anny moore and was further Reported by other Soldgers that went out with him that he actuley died in philedelphia and I Beleve never Returnd January 11 1810
John BOWERS JP"

"No. Carolina Pitt County
Personally appeared before me John MOORING one of the Justices of the Peace for Said County Jesse SHIVERS who deposeth and sayeth that He the said Jesse SHIVERS was well acquainted with one Noah ROBSON and William MOSLEY in the Nine Months Service in the Contenental line of this State under the command of Colonel Lamuel HOGENS the deponant further sayeth that the said ROBSON and MOSELY were taken very ill and were caried out the camps and were said to be dead in consequence of which their Name were no more calld, and the Deponant has no dobt but both ROBSON and MOSELY did die for they have never returnd Home to their Familys in Pitt County Since
Sworn to and Subscribd
this 14th of November 1809"

Jesse SHIVERS {Seal}

"This may Certify that we are well acquainted with Mr Jesse SHIVERS who was a Contenintal Soldier in the last war with Great Britian, which We Consider him to be aman of Truth & aman of Creditablety
August 22d 1811 Pitt County
Fr BRYAN
George GREENE J.P.
John ANDERSON
Wm BOWERS JP"

John Stephens
NC General Assembly Session Records, Nov.-Dec. 1811, Box 2.

""To the Honorable The General Assembly of the State of North Carolina"
The petition of John STEPHENS of the County of Pitt, humbly represents- That your Petitioner enlisted as a soldier in the Continental line of this State in the late Revolutionary War and served faithfully for the Term of five Years in the defence of his Country; and for which Service he has never received any Compensation either in Land or Money— therefore prays Your Honorable body to direct the Secretary of State to Issue him a Military Land Warrant for such quantity of acres as you in your wisdom may think him justly entitled to; and he as in duty bound will ever pray &e.

John STEPHENS"
[Rejected]

Beaufort County Deeds

Contributed by Roger Kammerer.

Beaufort County Deed Book 2, p. 433

"North Carolina Is: To all People to whom these presents shall come Margaret JONES of Bath County in the province of North Carolina Sendeth Greetings

Know Ye that I the said Margaret JONES in consideration of the natural love and affection I have and bear unto my grandson John ROBINSON, son of Solomon ROBINSON and Hannah his wife & to my Daughter Ruth the wife of Wm BRIERLY and to Nancy my grandaughter & daughter to Timothy HARRIS & Elizabeth his wife, & for the preferment & advancement of my said grandson daughter & grand daughter & for divors other good causes & considerations due thereunto moving, here given granted and by these presents do give grant & confirm unto my said Grandson, Daughter & Grand Daughter, the Negro boy named YORK, about six years of age, to my Daughter Ruth abovesaid, a Negro Girl named DOLL, about eight years of age together with her increase by Breeding, all except her first to my Grand Daughter Nancy the above mentioned Negro Girl shall bear. To have and to hold the above Negro Slaves as above specially given and Granted unto my above said Grandson, Daughter & Grand Daughter their EX and assigns forever provided nevertheless & to be understood that the above said Negro Slaves are given 7 granted upon this condition, & the true intent & meaning of the Donor is that the above given Slaves, shall be & remain with the donor under her own care until her death, & then to be delivered to the above named Grandson, Daughter & Grand Daughter to whom they are by these presents given, but the profits of the said Slaves that may arise from their labour shall belong & accrued to the Donor with condition nevertheless that the said Slaves be supported & maintained so as to be delivered to her Grandson, Daughter & Grand Daughter, at the time of Delivery aforesaid clear of all manner of charges whatsoever for their keeping support & maintenance, provided moreover and the true intent of the donor is that the above gifts shall not be constued expounded or taken as part of their portions which she may devise or give them by will, or which by law may descend to them, should the donor die intestate. In Witness whereof I the said Margaret Jones have hereunto put my hand and seal the thirteenth day of March in the eighteenth year of the reign of our Sovereign Lord King George Anno Domini 1744/5.

Margaret {her mark} JONES

Signed Sealed and delivered
in presence of us}
Walley CHAUNCEY
Mary CHAUNCEY"

Beaufort County Deed Book 2, pp. 470-471

"North Carolina Is: This Indenture Witnesseth that we, John PRESCOT & Ann my wife, Robert DUNBARR & Jane my wife, Solomon Robison & Hannah my wife, Timothy HARRIS and Elizabeth my wife, & Wm BRILEY & Ruth my wife of the County of Beaufort in the province afsd. Planters for & in consideration of the sum of one hundred pounds lawful money of the said province to them the said John PRESCOT, Robert DUNBARR, Solomon ROBISON, Timothy HARRIS, William BRILEY and our wives above mentioned, now in hand paid to us the receipt whereof we do hereby acknowledge ourselves fully Satisfied & Contented, by John ECKOLS of the county & province aforesaid, house carpenter, before the ensealing & delivery of these presents, whereof we the said Robert DUNBARR, Solomon ROBISON, Timothy HARRIS, John PRESCOT doth hereby acknowledge, and thereof doth request & discharge to the said John ECKOLS, his heirs Exors admrs by these presents, do hereby make over acquit relinquish all our right Title and Interest unto him the said John ECKOLS his heirs or assigns forever all that tract of land taken by Patent bearing date one thousand seven hundred & twenty & two, containing five hundred & twenty five acres on the south side of Pamptico river, on the west side of Broad Creek, beginning at the mouth of a creek that issueth into broad Creek , now Called Springs Creek, and up the various courses & Turnings of the said Creek and swamp of the creek to an oak standing in the pocoson, thence by a line of mark'd trees, according to the tenor of the Patent, across the creek to a pine standing at the head of a gut,

thence South 10 deghrees west 74 pole to the creek and down the creek to the mouth, to down the various courses and turnings of the broad creek to the first Station. To have and to hold all and Singular the said bargained premises, together with all houses edifices improvements, advantages easements & appurtenances thereunto belonging or in any wise apportaining, the same to hold, possess & enjoy, to him the said John ECKOLS his heirs and assigns for ever, without any les or molestation of we the said John PRESCOT, Robt DUNBARR Solomon ROBISON. Timothy HARRIS, William BRILEY or any of us, our Exors admrs &c and is further covananted by the said parties that they do quit claim of all & singular their interests of and in the _____? premises unto John ECKOLS his heirs and assigns forever. In Testimony whereof we have to these presents hereunto set our hands and Fix'd our Seals this seventh day of September one thousand seven hundred and forty five, and in the nineteenth year of Majasties reign King of Great Brittain &c

Witness David BLIN
Timothy HARRIS
Witness present to the signature of Timothy Harris
Jno FREEMAN
Wy: ORMOND

Timothy HARRIS
Jane DUNBAR
Solomon ROBISON
John PRESCOT E
Ann PRESCOT E
Wm. BRILEY & Ruth X"

S. S. WALLACE Dead

Eastern Reflector, Tues. May 8, 1900

"Mr. S. S. WALLACE, once a citizen of Greenville but for many years a resident of Colorado, died recently."

Jack BUCK Dead

Eastern Reflector, Wed., Oct. 3, 1883

"Jack BUCK, one of our oldest and most highly respected county men, fell dead while at breakfast this morning. He had had organic heart disease for several years, but for some time before his death had been in as good health as usual."

Mrs. Martha STANCILL Dead

Eastern Reflector, Wed., Aug. 29, 1883

"Mrs. Martha STANCILL, wife of Mr. T. J. STANCILL, of Belvoir township, died at her home last thursday morning. She had been a member of the Free Will Baptist church for a number of years, was a constant attendant at church and a consistent christian. Her death is sadly lamented by a large number of warm friends and loving relatives. She leaves a husband and eleven children, nearly all grown, to mourn her loss. We tender our sympathy to the bereaved family and friends."

Mrs. B. F. ANDERSON Dead

Eastern Reflector, Fri., April 5, 1935

"Mrs. Susie ANDERSON, 54, wife of B. F. ANDERSON, who lived near Farmville, on the farm of Mrs. Helen Watkins HORTON, died Tuesday after an illness of several months duration. Funeral services were conducted Wednesday afternoon by Rev. C. B. MASHBURN, of the Christian church, and interment was made in the Clark burial grounds, near Greenville, on highway 91. Mrs. ANDERSON, who was formerly Miss Agnes STOCKS, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Joe STOCKS, of Winterville, is survived by her widower, and nine children, and two brothers, Bill STOCKS, of Falkland, and Lonnie STOCKS, of Greenville."

Mrs. STOKES Dead

Eastern Reflector, Wed., March 18, 1885

"The wife of Mr. Calvin STOKES, of Kinston, a former resident of this county, died on last Thursday evening."

Mrs. CARMAN Dead

Eastern Reflector, Wed., Dec. 1, 1886

"The wife of Mr. E, C. CARMAN, of Contentnea, died last Monday morning. She was a sister of Mrs. T. C. BRYAN, of this town."

Bill To Annex Part of Pitt County to Craven County, 1809

NC General Assembly Session Records, Nov.-Dec. 1809, Box 2, Senate Bills, Dec. 9. Contributed by Roger Kammerer.

"A Bill To Annex a Small part of Pitt County to the County of Craven.
Be it enacted by the General Assembly of the State of North Carolina and it is hereby enacted by the authority of the same, That from and after the Passing of this Act, that part of the County of Pitt Contained within the following boundaries be and the same is hereby annexed to the County of Craven, that is to say Begining at the run of Creeping Swamp where the old Craven County line used to cross said Swamp, thence runing along said old line to the run of Clayroot Swamp, then down the run of the Clayroot to a ford near Benjamin VENTERS'S Ridge field, thence a direct line to GARDNERS ford on Swifts Creek in the present line of Pitt & Craven Counties, thence with the present line of said counties to the begining. And be it further enacted that Stephen HARRIS and Burton ALLEN on the part of Craven County and _____ and _____on the part of the County of Pitt, be and hereby appointed Commissioners for the purpose of runing the direct line from the Ford near Benjamin VENTERS'S Ridge field to GARDNERS ford on Swifts Creek, with power to employ a Surveyor, & chain beares on thee part of each County if they think proper, the expences to be paid by the County of Craven out of any monies collected or to be collected for county purposes, at the following rates, for each day of each commissioner necessarily employed in runing said line one dollar for each day of each surveyor so employed twenty shillings and for each day of each Chain Bearer one dollar. And be it further enacted, that nothing in this Act contained shall be so counstrued as to debar the Sheriff of Pitt County from collecting the public, parish & County Taxes of the Year one thousand eight hundred and nine, from such of the inbabitants or lands as by this act are added to the County of Craven." **[REJECTED]**

"To the Honerable General assembly of the state of North Carolina, The petition of the Subscribers inhabitants of the County of Pitt, humbly shewth to your honorable body that they Labour under much greater inconvience in their attendance upon their Public duties such as musters working on roads and attendance at Courts in the County of Pitt, than they would have to do if the part of the County they live in was taken off the County of Pitt, and added to the county of Craven...that in going to the places of musters and to work on the Public roads most of us have large swamps to Cross which at times are dangerous to pass, and though it is somewhat nearer to Pitt Court than to Craven yet owing to Newbern being their place of Market it will be much more to their Interest to attend the Courts in Newbern, they therefore pray that your honorable body will be please to pass a Law annexing all that part of Pitt lying as follows, say begining at the Run of Creeping swamp where the old Craven County line used to cross said swamp then with said old line to the Run of Clayroot swamp then down the run of the Clayroot to a ford near Benjamin VENTERS Ridge field, then a direct line to GARDNERS ford On Swifts Creek in Craven County line and in duty bound they will ever pray && October 10th 1809

Seth CHAPMAN
David CHAPMAN
William HENDRICKS
John VANPELT
John VANPELT Juner
John athan VANPELT
Edward GARDNER Senr
Zachariah GARDNER
Edward GARDNER the Son of Edward
Isaac GARDNER
Lewis SMITH
Benjamin VENTERS
Noah GALLOWAY
David ADAMS
John FORNS"

Dr. Richard Williams Daybook

This interesting and valuable volume is located in the East Carolina Manuscript Collection, J. Y. Joyner Library, East Carolina University, Greenville, NC. Dr. Richard Williams of near Falkland, Pitt County kept this small daybook from 1847 to 1869. He recorded the names of his patients, the medical attention he gave and prices for his services and medication. There are also bills for work done by his slaves on his plantation and a number of relationships given in the records. In the back of the volume are birthdates for the Williams' family slaves that date back to 1775. The following are abstracts of relationships given in the daybook and verbatim slave records. Anyone looking for families in the Falkland area should examine this daybook. Contributed by Roger Kammerer.

Scribbles on the inside front cover:

Zeno H. GREENE Wilmington NC
Bettie WILLIAMS
Richard WILLIAMS
Henrietta WILLIAMS
Miss Allie PARKER
Time once passed never returns

Sept. 1847	John ROGERS (son of Jacob)
Oct. 1847	Mrs. Zoah CRISP (daughter of Harmon EDWARDS)
	Bryan EDWARDS (son of Harmon)
	Lemuel TISON (exctr. of Allen TISON)
Nov. 1847	William WILLIAMS for daughter Nancy
Dec. 1847	William WILLIAMS for son William
	P. A. DIXON for son John
	William MAY for son James
Jan. 1848	R. R. DUPREE (guardian of W. T. FOREMAN heirs) for negro child at MOYE Place
	William Williams for son Joseph
	James L. COBB for son William
1850	Bills for work on WILLIAMS gristmill
Jan. 1853	One Year subscription to American Farmer:
	George W. WOOTEN, B. F. WOOTEN
	W. NEWTON, Jno PEEBLES
	S. VINES Jr., Jno KING
	T. B. DUPREE, S. S. HARRIS
	P. A. ATKINSON, Ed COBB
	John J. FOREMAN, R. W. RIEVES
	Richard F. J. H. WILLIAMS
1860	Huel HEMBY had son John
1861	Wm A. TAYLOR had three children
	Bills for work on apple mill
Jan. 1864	Thomas B. DUPREE for son James
	Bills for work on molasses cane mill
Mar. 1865	Negro Jordan working at S. S. HARRIS'
	W. A. TAYLOR for daughter Gatsey
Apr. 1865	William LAUGHINGHOUSE guardian of heirs of his brother Joseph LAUGHINGHOUSE
	Bill to C. L VINES for making coffin for his mother April 14, 1865 $6.00
May 1865	Bill to James TUGWELL for making coffin for his wife May 28, 1865 $6.00
June 1865	S. S. HARRIS had son William
1865	Richard WILLIAMS boarded two children of Zeno H. GREENE
	S. S. HARRIS had slave ERWIN
Oct. 1865	Dempsey CORBETT (son of Washington)
	Mrs. Susan EDWARDS for sons Adam and Ashley

1866 Zeno H. GREENE had daughters Mary and Emily
Jackson GORHAM had brother Edmonds GORHAM

Ages of Negroes

Lucy was born 1792
Sam was born (Jemima) 1817-d. Oct. 1, 1861 age 44
Violet was born (Sabra) 1824
Daniel was born (Lucy) 1829
Jane was born Feby (Julia) 1836
John was born Oct. (Julia) 1837
Nicey was born June (Julia) 1839
Irwin was born August (Julia) 1842
Mary was born (Violet) 1843-died August 1863
Ellen was born July (Violet) 1845
Caesar was born March 6th (Jane) 1853
Sarah was born March 27th (Jane) 1855
Thomas was born Sept 5th (Nicey) 1855
Willis was born Oct 22nd (Mary) 1859
Sabra was born May 31st (Ellen) 1860
Henry was born 1824
John was born (Sidie) 1839
Camilla was born 1850
Mariah was born 1792
_____ was born 1848
Lydia was born Octr 9 (Ellen) 1862
Charles was born Decemr 13 (Ellen) 1864

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Sidie
Sam son of Sidie was born 7th April 1843
Caswell was born Sep 21st 1858 (Jane) died Apl 1860
Willis was born Octr 22nd (Mary) 1859
Sabra was born May 31st (Ellen) 1860

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Ages of my negroes

Ned was born 1775-died November 1848 aged 73 years
Lucy was born 1792
Pheoby was born (Aggy) 1797- sold 1850
Julia was born (Aggy) 1810- d. Feb 26, 1859 aged 49 years
Burton was born (Jemima) 1813- sold 1853
Sam was born (Jemima) 1817- died Oct 1st 1861 aged 44 years
Priss was born (Pheroby) 1819- sold 1850
Violet was born (Sabra) 1824
Oliver was born (Mahala) 1827- died 1852 aged 25 years
Daniel was born (Lucy) 1829
Ben was born May 31st (Priss) 1835- sold 1857 $1150
Mary Jane was born Feby (Julia) 1836
John was born Octr (Julia) 1837
Nicey was born June (Julia) 1839
Irwin was born August (Julia) 1842
Mary was born (Violet) 1843

Susan was born July (Priss) 1844- sold 1850
Ellen was born July (Violet) 1845
Augustus was born April 8th (Priss) 1848- sold 1850
Penny was born May 1st (Violet) 1848- died Sep 18th 1857 aged 9 years
Caesar was born March 6 (M Jane) 1853
Sarah was born March 27th (M Jane) 1855
Thomas was born Sept 5th (Nicey) 1855

John G. Mason Died

New Bern Daily Journal, Fri., Sept. 8, 1893

"Mr. John G. MASON, who lived just beyond Grindle Creek, met with a sudden death on Saturday evening. He was in Greenville that day and started home riding alone, and just before reaching the lumber railroad his horse shied and threw him out of the buggy. On one of his legs was a very bad sore which he had been troubled for sometime, and in the fall ruptured an artery near this sore from which he bled to death. He was carried from the scene of the accident to his home and expired soon after reaching there. Mr. MASON was about 70 years old."

Levi Ellis Dead, 1794

Found in General Assembly Session Records, Dec. 1794- Feb. 1795, Misc. papers, NC Archives Raleigh, NC. Contributed by Roger Kammerer.

"State of North Carolina
By the Justices of the county Court of Pleas and Quarter Sessions for the county of Pitt July Term 1794
It having been certified to us, that Levi ELLIS late of Pitt county, is dead, and having made no last will and testament, in writting, and Underhill ELLIS having made application to this court for and obtained administration upon the deceased's estate, and having also entered into bond with security, as the law in such case provides, in the sum of Five hundred pounds
THESE are therefore to empower the said Underhill ELLIS to enter into and upon all and singular the goods and chattles, rights and credits of the deceased, and the same into his possession take wheresoever in this State to be found, and an inventory thereof to exhibit according to law, and all the just debts of the deceased to pay, and the residue distribute as the law in such case provides.
Witness Henry ELLIS Clerk of the Said court at office the 28th day of July 1794 and Nineteenth year of Independance —Henry ELLIS C. C."

Noah Galloway

Washington Gazzette, Washington NC, Thurs., Jan. 28, 1892

"Stranville Strings.....Mrs. Nancy GALLOWAY is home again after spending a week with her aged grand-father Mr. Noah GALLOWAY, near Edwards Mill. Mr. GALLOWAY will be ninety-one if he lives to see 4th of March."

Washington Gazzette, Washington NC, Thurs., Nov. 1, 1892

"DIED....Noah GALLOWAY died at his home on Blounts Creek, Oct. 28, 1892. He was born March 4th, 1801, thus making his stay on earth 91 years 7 months 25 days. Truly a good man has been gathered home. He suffered much, but bore it with christian fortitude, always saying his suffering was only for this world. Thus passes away the old landmarks. God is the judge of us all. M. L."

Mr. W. C. McGOWAN

Eastern Reflector, Fri., Oct. 12, 1900

"Black Jack Items, Oct. 9. . . Mr. W. C. MCGOWAN, aged about 80 years, died at home about 3 miles from here on Sunday morning, Oct. 7. He was taken very suddenly and lived only a few minutes. We extend our deepest sympathy to the bereaved ones left to mourn his death. The remains were taken to the SKINNER farm for burial today."

General Assembly Records

The following is an index to selected records located in the North Carolina General Assembly Session Records, NC Archives, Raleigh, NC. Contributed by Roger Kammerer.

Nov.-Dec. 1800

BOX 1

Dec. 1- Sherrod BARROW of Greene Co. reinstated in the rights of a citizen
Dec. 3- Bill to amend making compensation for executed slaves in several counties-Pitt Co.
Bill to appoint persons to transcribe the records of Beaufort and Onslow Counties
Nov. 21-Dennis DUPREE of Greene Co. changed name to Dennis WILLIAMS

BOX 2

Dec. 8- Name of William PURSER changed to William HUDNELL, Beaufort Co.

BOX 3

James HOLMES of Greene Co., convicted in 1786, reinstated in the rights of a citizen
Sherrod BARROW of Greene Co., convicted in 1786, reinstated in the rights of a citizen
Petition concerning Tower Hill, Lenoir Co.
Petition of Catherine, wife of William GRANT, of Wayne Co. He left her.

BOX 4

Greene Co. Justice of the Peace elected: Jeremiah BEEMAN, Samuel SPEIGHT, Jr., Joseph DOWNING, Joseph SCURLOCK, Shadrach COWARD, William HOLLIDAY
Lenoir Co. Justice of the Peace elected: Benjamin WITHERINGTON, John GATLIN, Benjamin HARTSFIELD, Rodrick POWELL
Pitt Co. Justice of the Peace elected: Benjamin PAXTON
Beaufort Co. Militia elected: Godfrey WILLIAMS, Lt. Col.; James WILLIAMS, 1st Major; Reading GRIST, 2nd Major
Resignations:
Jacob JOHNSTON, resigned as Jones Co. JP
Joseph TAYLOR, resigned as Lenoir Co. JP
F. BRUTON, resigned as Lenoir Co. JP
John COWARD, resigned as Greene Co. JP
Thomas WIGGINS, resigned as Lt. Col. of Martin Co. Militia

Nov.-Dec. 1801

BOX 1

Nov. 21-Robert DONNELL of Lenoir Co. family; had no issue; left land to nephew in Ireland
Nov. 23-Annexing part of Beaufort Co. to Craven Co.
Nov. 25-Charles F. TYSON of Bladen Co. wants son Sterling ALLEN name changed to Sterling TYSON
Dec. 5- James HODGES of Beaufort Co. has children named: Drury, Elizabeth and James JUDKINS, wants names changed to HODGES; born before marriage to their mother
Nov. 27-Because Johnston Co. broken up into Wayne, Lenoir and Greene Counties and the old records are now in Lenoir Co., records are to be copied for each county

BOX 2

Dec. 13-Petition for part of Craven Co. to be annexed to Greene Co.

BOX 3

Petition of Capt. Jacob POLLOCK, Revolutionary War Soldier
Petition concerning land of William BALDWIN, Pitt Co.
Petition concerning land of Elias GODLEY, Beaufort Co.
Petition concerning Tower Hill land, Lenoir Co.

Simon MEWBERN of Sampson Co. name changed to Simon HOBBS
Petition of John BARROW, Revolutionary War Soldier
Petition of John TURNER, Craven Co., Revolutionary War Soldier

BOX 4

Petition of John TURNER, Craven Co., Revolutionary War Soldier
Petition of James FISHER, Currituck Co., Revolutionary War Soldier
Greene Co. Justice of the Peace elected: Charles CARR
Beaufort Co. Justice of the Peace elected: James WILLIAMS, Reading GRIST
Martin Co. Justice of the Peace elected: John GRIFFIN
Johnston Co. Justice of the Peace elected: Paschall TUCKER
Lenoir Co. Justice of the Peace elected: Job LEARY
Resignations:
James LATHAM resigned as Beaufort Co. JP
R. J. POWELL resigned as Lenoir Co. JP
Richard EVANS resigned as Pitt Co. JP
William MOYE resigned as 1st Major of Pitt Co. Regiment of militia

Nov.-Dec. 1802

BOX 1

Nov. 22- Divorce of John SPELL and wife Celia of Edgecombe Co.
Dec. 1- Name of Edward WHITE of Beaufort Co. changed to Edward Salter WHITE
Dec. 4- Names of Bedridden REYNOLDS and Lucretia REYNOLDS of Sampson Co. changed to Bedridden CARRAWAY and Lucretia CARRAWAY
Dec. 7- Petition for seperate election at Swift Creek Bridge, Craven Co.

BOX 2

Petition of Stephanus SHEPPARD for Rev. land of father, Abraham SHEPPARD
Petition of Sparkman DOWNING, Greene Co., Revolutionary War Soldier
Petition of Jesse LANGSTON, Greene Co. Jailer
Petition of Beddridden CARRAWAY to change the names of his two grandchildren
Two petitions of David JOYNER of Halifax Co., Revolutionary War Soldier
Petition of James HARRISON, Beaufort Co., Revolutionary War Soldier
Petition of Joseph CARRAWAY, Craven Co., Revolutionary War Soldier
Petition of Ann DAVIS of Martin Co.; husband Jesse DAVIS in Revolutionary War
Petition of William CROOM concerning Tower Hill, Lenoir Co.

BOX 3

Henry BEST, Greene Co. Sheriff lists Insolvents for 1801: Timothy MEARS, William MEARS, Livingston GARROT, Enos PIPKIN, Daniel DAVIS, William JONES, Enoch PRICE, Jacob MINSHEW
Greene Co. Justice of the Peace elected: Henry EDWARDS, William FORREST, Sutton HARDIE, Cullen COWARD, Kinchen TAYLOR
Greene Co. Militia elected: Thomas EDWARDS, 1st Major; Stephen EASON, 2nd Major
Pitt Co. Militia elected: Hardee SMITH, Lt. Col. Commandant; Allen ATKINSON, 1st Major; Cannon SMITH, 2nd Major
Martin Co. Justice of the Peace elected: Sterling ROGERS, Stephen FAGAN
Lenoir Co. Justice of the Peace elected: Allen WOOTEN, Bryan WHITFIELD
Resignations:
Shade ALLEN resigned as Lt. Col. Commandant of Pitt Regiment of Infantry
William WALLACE resigned as Martin Co. JP
William WILLIAMS resigned as Lenoir Co. JP
Shaderick WOOTEN resigned as Lenoir Co. JP
Matthew MOSELEY resigned as Lenoir Co. JP
Samuel SPEIGHT resigned as 1st Major of Greene Co. militia

Nov.-Dec. 1803

BOX 1

Dec. 1- Divorce of Samuel EASTON of Carteret Co. (md. in 1796 to Zilphia GUTHRIE)

BOX 2

List of Onslow Co. Revolutionary War Veterans
Petition of Charles BUTLER of Craven Co., Revolutionary War Soldier
Petition of James HODGES, Rev. War Soldier of Edgecombe Co.
Divorce of Arnold RHODES and Mary FARRIS of Beaufort Co.
Petition of the lower end of Beaufort Co. (list of names) faded
Petition of extreme portion of Craven Co. (list of names)
Revolutionary War petition of POWERS family of Tyrrell Co.
Petition of Samuel GAINER, Rev. War Soldier
Petition of Elias HOELL, Rev. War Soldier of Beaufort Co.

BOX 3

Martin Co. Justice of the Peace elected: William CLARKE
Pitt Co. Justice of the Peace elected: John Hardee SIMPSON, Joel DICKINSON, Oliver SMITH, William MOYE
Greene Co. Militia elected: Thomas EDWARDS, Col.; Frederick DIXON, 1st Major; Williams EDWARDS, 2nd Major
Resignations:
Warren ANDREWS resigned as Martin Co. JP
Hardy GATLIN resigned as Craven Co. JP
Stephen EASON resigned as 2nd Major of Greene Co. militia

Nov.-Dec. 1804

BOX 2

Nov. 29- Bill for seperate election to be held at Jesse SCOVILLE, Pitt Co.
Dec. 6- Bill to legitimize the illegitimate children of Elizabeth JOYNER and Joseph BATTS of Edgecombe Co.
Change name of Penelope COX of Lenoir Co. to Penelope JACKSON

BOX 3

Inquest on body of John CLEMENTS, mariner of Craven Co., Dec. 1, 1802
Inquest on Griffith GRIFFITH, mariner of New Bern, Nov. 11, 1802
Inquest on Elizabeth BRYAN, of Craven Co., suicide, April 17, 1801
Inquest on the bones of John CAMPBELL, Craven Co. Feb. 7, 1802
Petition of Jesse SWINDELL of Hyde Co., Rev. War Soldier
Inquest on William CHEEKS, son of Thomas CHEEKS of New Bern, July 28, 1802
Craven Co. Justice of the Peace elected: John RIGGS, Jr.
Lenoir Co. Justice of the Peace elected: William DEAN, Jesse COBB, Jr., Slade GATLIN, William BRUTON, Simon BRUTON
Craven Co. Militia elected: Thomas A. GREEN, Lt. Col.; Joseph NELSON, 1st Major; Robert CAMMELL, 2nd Major
Beaufort Co. Justice of the Peace elected: Anthony DYER, Jeremiah CHERRY, Thomas BOWAN, Langley RESPASS, William B. ELLISON, Moses WINDLEY of Town Creek
Resignations:
William BRYAN resigned as 2nd Major of Craven Co. militia
James WILLIAMS resigned as Beaufort Co. JP

Nov.-Dec. 1805

BOX 1

Dec. 5- Bill to restore William BRILEY of Pitt Co. to full credit
Dec. 18- Bill to annex part of Pitt Co. to Martin Co.
Dec. 3- Bill to make Peter MAYO house, Pitt Co. a seperate election place

BOX 2

Richard W. CASWELL, only child of William CASWELL; William CASWELL, only son of Mary MACKELWAIN
Richard CASWELL address upon leaving the Assembly
Dallam CASWELL, son and executor of the late Richard CASWELL
Petition of Christopher MOORING of Pitt Co., Rev. War Soldier
Petition of Solomon CARR of Pitt Co., Rev. War Soldier
Petition of Charles WHITEHURST of Pasquotank Co., Rev. War Soldier

Nov.-Dec. 1806

BOX 1

Nov. 29- Annulment of marriage of Eli MANNING of Edgecombe Co. and Winifred CHAPPEL of Martin Co. He was impotent and cruel.
Nov. 29- Peter FABRE of New Bern and Antigua tried to sell his mullato wife to Capt. Edward TINKER
Dec. 3- Divorce of Francis DENNIS of Carteret Co. and Nancy BATTEL. She ran off with Morris GREENWOOD of Brunswick Co.
Dec. 5- Samuel HART appted. Auctioneer for the town of New Bern
Dec. 15- Divorce of Archibald MURRAY and wife Delilah, of Greene Co.
Dec. 1- Bill to appoint Commissioners for Kinston, Lenoir Co. being: Bryan WHITFIELD, John GATLIN, Jesse COBB, Sr., John WASHINGTON, Jesse COBB, Jr., Ambrose JONES
Dec. 2- Bill to restore Jacob TICE of Martin Co. to full credit

BOX 2

Dec. 12- Bill to change names of the children of Shadrach HINTON of Sampson Co. to the name PUGH
Dec. 12- Change name of Elizabeth RICKS of Nash Co. to Elizabeth CROWELL
Change name of Hilan BROOKS of Beaufort Co. to Hilan GODLEY
Change name of Hollon HAGAN of Beaufort Co. to Hollon BRIGHT
Divorce of Archibald MURRAY and wife Delilah, of Greene Co., had 3 children
Divorce of Thomas STEWART of Edgecombe Co.; md. 1798 to Lovey Robertson
Divorce of Isaac BRASWELL of Edgecombe Co. and Nancy LEE
Divorce of Thomas BOND of Greene Co. and wife Jemima
Rev. War petition of Stephanus SHEPPARD of Greene Co.
Petition of Jacob WHARTON, Rev. War Soldier
Petition of Lanier ADAMS of Hyde Co., heir of Rev. War Soldier
Petition of Josiah BIRD of Gates Co., Rev. War Soldier
Petition of Noah VANDIFORD of Tyrrell Co., Rev. War Soldier
Petition of heirs of James SHIVERS of Pitt Co., Rev. War Soldier

BOX 3

Petition of Noah VANDIFORD of Tyrrell Co., Rev. War Soldier
Greene Co. Justice of the Peace elected: William V. SPEIGHT, William ARMSTRONG
Lenoir Co. Militia elected: Simon BRUTON, 1st Major; Bryan WHITFIELD, Jr., 2nd Major
Jones Co. Justice of the Peace elected: Frederick FOY
Martin Co. Militia elected: Abner COCKBURN, 1st Major; Andrew JOYNER, 2nd Major; Jeremiah SLADE, Lt. Col. Commandant
Martin Co. Justice of the Peace elected: Lemuel KENNEDY, James MOORE, Henry HOOTENS
Beaufort Co. Justice of the Peace elected: John WATSON
Beaufort Co. Militia elected: James WILLIAMS, Lt. Col. Commandant; Samuel CHANCEY, 1st Major; Thomas LATHAM, 2nd Major
Pitt Co. Militia elected: Cannon SMITH, 1st Major; William GORHAM, 2nd Major
Pitt Co. Justice of the Peace elected: James RANDOLPH, William MAY, Franklin GORHAM

Resignations:
Allen ATKINSON resigned as 1st Major of Pitt Militia

Nov.-Dec. 1807
BOX 1

Change name of James WILLIFORD of Edgecombe Co. to James GAY
Change name of WHITLEY children of Robeson Co. to ELOQUENCE
Change name of Redding NEAL of Hyde Co. to Redding JACKSON
Change name of Abraham GRAY of Hyde Co. to Abraham SATTERTHWAITE

BOX 2

Jacob BREWER, Rev. Soldier; had brother Reece BREWER of Tenn.
Grove/Gove ADAMS, Rev. Soldier; had brother William ADAMS of Hyde Co.
Lanier ADAMS, Rev. Soldier of Hyde Co.; had brother William ADAMS of Randolph Co., NC and sister Rachel TAYLOR
Bill to Annex part of Jones and Craven Counties to Lenoir Co.
Petition of John MARKS, Rev. Soldier of Martin Co.
Petition of Henry WILLIAMSON, Rev. Soldier of Martin Co.
Petition of James JOHNSTON, Rev. Soldier of Beaufort Co.

BOX 3

Bill to Annex part of upper part of Jones and Craven Counties on Moseley Creek to Lenoir Co. (alot of names)
Pitt Co. Justice of the Peace elected: Ben TYSON
Greene Co. Justice of the Peace elected: Benjamin EVANS, Abraham DARDEN
Martin Co. Justice of the Peace elected: Bartholomew WEATHERSBY, John JOHNSTON
Edgecombe Co. Justice of the Peace elected: Michael HEARN
Craven Co. Justice of the Peace elected: Isaac WINGATE
Beaufort Co. Justice of the Peace elected: William KENNEDY
Cabarrus Co. Militia elected: Hugh ROSS
Chatham Co. Militia elected: Hasten POE, 2nd Major
Chatham Co. Justice of the Peace elected: Oliver PRINCE
Resignations:
John BYRD resigned as Johnston Co. JP
William BARDEN resigned as Martin Co. JP
John KENNEDY resigned as Martin Co. JP
Sacker Dubberley resigned as Craven Co. JP
John VINSON resigned as Johnston Co. JP
Redmun DUNN resigned as Nash Co. JP
Petition for divorce of Polly SALISBURY of Pitt Co.
Petition for divorce of William LANE and Martha PASTUER, Craven Co.
Petition for divorce of John FARROW and Rebecca TOLSON, Currituck Co.
John COX of Edgecombe Co. had name changed to John HEARN

Nov.-Dec. 1808
BOX 1

Nov. 28- Moving elections and musters from Stanton HARRELL'S in Beaufort Co. to house of Jesse ROBASON on Hickory Point
Nov. 23- Seperate election in Pitt Co. at house of Palmer CANNON
Change name of William PRICE and Henry PRICE to William RHODES and Henry RHODES
Change name of George BRIGHT of Greene Co. to George Washington EVANS
Change name of Christopher RILLER of Greene Co. to Christopher LINCH
Change name of Frederick LIPSEY of Jones Co. to Frederick FOY

BOX 2

Silas LASSITER of Greene Co. gave land to son, Nathan LASSITER
Bedridden CARRAWAY of Sampson Co. assault

BOX 3

Divorce of Micajah MUSTGROVE and Zilpha HARRELL

BOX 4

Jones Co. Justice of the Peace elected: John I. BROCK
Bertie Co. Justice of the Peace elected: Daniel VANPELT
Beaufort Co. Justice of the Peace elected: Coward QUINN, Isaac PEACOCK, Charles ODEN, Thomas LATHAM
Lenoir Co. Justice of the Peace elected: Frances KILPATRICK, Rigdon WHITE, John GATLIN
Martin Co. Justice of the Peace elected: Thomas STEWART, Josiah REDDICK, Luke ROSS, Kedar BIGGS, Jesse COOPER
Resignations:
Thomas WYNN resigned as Martin Co. JP
James WILLIAMS resigned as Lt. Col. Commandant of Beaufort Co. militia
David D. DUNN resigned as Craven Co. JP
W. ISLER resigned as Jones Co. JP
Zebid SIMPSON resigned as 2nd Major of Carteret Co. Militia

Nov.-Dec. 1809

BOX 1

Nov. 27- Col. Thomas JARVIS of Currituck Co. had daughter, Lydia (md. to Edward HARDY) They had 4 sons: William Jarvis HARDY, Thomas Asbury HARDY, Charles Wesley HARDY and Edward Washington HARDY.
Petition of John Carruthers STANLY, freedman, of Craven Co. to set free his wife and children
Change name of Robert STANLEY of Jones Co. to Robert REYNOLDS
Change name of James ALCOCK of Jones Co. to James OLIVER
Change name of Emanuel ALPHIN of Jones Co. to Buckner JARMAN
Change name George Bryan EVANS of Greene Co. to George Ryan EVANS
Dec. 4- New trustees of Washington Academy, Beaufort Co.: John KENNEDY, Isaiah WOODARD, Isaac SMITH, James WILLIAMS
Dec. 5- Bill to establish seperate election at Walter HANRAHAN'S mill on Blounts Creek
Dec. 7- Winifred FULGHAM of Wayne Co. exempt from taxes for having 2 deformed children
Dec. 9- Bill to annex part of Pitt Co. to Craven Co.

BOX 2

Petition of Micajah WINDHAM, of Edgecombe Co., Rev. soldier license to sell liquor

BOX 3

Petition for divorce of Eusebius and Lidea CRUTCHFIELD of Jones Co.
Petition of William PAGE of Pitt Co., Rev. Soldier
Emanuel JARMAN had his son, Emanuel ALPHIN of Jones Co. name changed to Buckner JARMAN
Petition of Ezekiel WHITE of Martin Co., Rev. Soldier
Petition of Abraham LEE and John LEE , both of Martin Co., Rev. Soldiers
Petition of William WESTBROOK, Rev. Soldier
Letters about divorce of Nancy BRACEWELL, Beaufort Co.

BOX 4

List of Lenoir Co. Insolvents returned to July term 1809 Lenoir County Court by William EASTERLING, Lenoir Co. Sheriff:
Philamon NOBLE, Robert ERWIN, Elijah HINSON, Reuben HINSON, Jesse HINSON, Herod LOVETT, Henry CARTER, John JUMP, John SPENCE, Thomas

SANDERSON, George DARNELL, Thomas MEDLIN, Samuel Herring MARTIN, Thomas MOORE, William MOORE, Jr., William WALL

Greene Co. Militia elected: John WILLIAMS, 2nd Major

Craven Co. Justice of the Peace elected: William GATLIN, John BIGGS, Jr., Burton ALLEN, Silas S. STEVENSON

Beaufort Co. Justice of the Peace elected: William SMAW

Martin Co. Justice of the Peace elected: Cotten POWELL, Andrew JOYNER, John REDDICK, Sr., Noah PERRY, John RAULHAC, James SHEPPARD

Craven Co. and Newbern Justice of the Peace elected: Asa JONES, Lott BATTLE, Solomon PATRICK

Greene Co. Justice of the Peace elected: Joseph ELLIS

Lenoir Co. Justice of the Peace elected: Joshua TAYLOR, William WITHERINGTON, Joel HINES

Lenoir Co. militia elected: Simon BRUTON, Lt. Col.; Bryan WHITFIELD, Jr., 1st Major; Alexander MOSELEY, 2nd Major

Resignations:

Richard TAYLOR resigned as Martin Co. JP

Hardy STALLINGS resigned as Martin Co. JP

Williams EDWARDS resigned as 2nd Major of Greene Co. Militia

Simon BRUTON resigned as Lenoir Co. JP

Stephen FAGAN resigned as Martin Co. JP

Two Men Named John Ross

The following are two articles found in Tarboro newspapers. Contributed by Roger Kammerer.

INFORMATION WANTED

Tarboro' Press, Sat., January 11, 1845

"If there is now living any officer or soldier of the Revolution, or any relative of John ROSS, formerly of North Carolina, who can give any information respecting the service or discharge of the said ROSS will be generously rewarded by communicating such facts as may be within their knowledge to N. J. THOMAS, Post Master, Eden, Hancock Co. Maine, where they may hear something perhaps to their advantage.
John ROSS enlisted in Capt. WILLIAMS' Co. 4th Regiment, in 1777, for and during the war.
Printers of Newspapers in N. C. friendly to old Soldiers will oblige by copying this in their papers.
Dec. 14th, 1844."

A Murderer

Tarboro Southerner, Sat., Sept. 22, 1855

" The *Goldsboro' Telegraph* says: Charles W. BONNER, of Durham's Creek, Beaufort county, writes us that Rix FORD, formerly of Edgecombe county and a volunteer in the Mexican war, died in Beaufort county, on the 8th of September, from a stroke or strokes inflicted upon him on the 4th of August, by John ROSS, Senior, of Durham's Creek. ROSS, it is thought, may attempt to make his way South. He is described to be a stout man, about 40 years old, weighing about 170 or 180 lbs., of dark complexion, dark hair, dark eyes, and a thick dark beard."

Benjamin Fulford Died

Tarboro Press, Jan. 5, 1839

"In Petersburg, on Sunday, August 20th, 1848, Mr. Benjamin FULFORD, late of Capt. S. SINGLETON'S Co., (B,) North Carolina Volunteers, aged twenty one years. The deceased was born in Pitt county, in the State of North Carolina, and at the time of his death, had received an honorable discharge from the mustering officer at Fort Monroe."

Bill to Annex Part of Pitt County to Beaufort County, 1812

NC General Assembly Session Records, Nov.-Dec. 1812, Box 3. Contributed by Roger Kammerer.

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"To the Honourable the General Assenbly
The Petition of a great Number of the Inhabitants of Pitt County
Humbly Sheweth
That your Petitioners are desirous of contributing every thing in their power to advance and promote the Interest of Tar River And as we are fully convinced that the encourageing the population of a Town on the River would be the most immediate means of accomplishing our wish as in proportions to its population so would be the demand for provisions and our other produce And as the annexing that part of our County which lies to the Eastward of a line herein after described the Inhabitants of which we mostly are Would in a great measure contribute to the population of the Town of Washington. We your Petitioners do pray that an Act of the present General Assembly may be passed for annexing all that part of our County of Pitt to Beaufort County which lies to the Eastward of a line Begining at Creeping Swamp where Craven County line crosses the same and running with said Creeping Swamp and Checod Swamp until it comes to that part of Checod Swamp which is nearest the head of the Westermost prong of Bear Creek then down said westermost prong to the mouth of the Eastermost prong of said Creek then a direct Course to the upper end of John GODLEYS Plantation then with Bear Creek below said GODLEYS Plantation then with Bear Creek to Tar River then down Tar River with the North side thereof to the Mouth of Tranters Creek then up the main prong of Tranters Creek to the upper end of William LANIERS Plantation then a North East Course to Martin County Line and with Martin Beaufort & Craven lines to the begining your Petitioners as in duty bound will ever pray &&&

Richard GRIST
Nathan GODLEY Sener
Thomas GODLEY
John GODLEY
Nanthan GODLEY
Joseph WALL
Elias GODLEY
Thos LAFINHOUSE
Toby BUTLER
Israel HARDING
Fred. GRIST (?)
Stephen HARDING
Anthony KINNIN Junier
Jacob PALMAR
Cornelius PATRICK
James KNOX
Benjn. PAXTON
Jas CRANDELL
Ephrom BROWN
Andrew BROWN
J S FREMAIN
Jn FLOYD
James SIMS
Moses HODGES
Jacob LITTLE
William KNOX
Uraiah FLOYD
Phillip _____ (faded)
Jno LANIER
William LANIER
Robert LANIER
Jno. KILLINGSWORTH
Joseph GAINER
Duncan MCDOUGALD
Wm CRANFORD
Solo. SHEPHERD
Joseph TETTARTON
James HODGES
Henry HODGES
James LEE
George LEE
Abraham WHITEACRE
Syras JACKSON
Robert KNOX
Thos. SHEPHERD
William BOYACA
Joshua LEE
Jas. SHEPHERD
William DOWN
John HODGES
George MOYE Juner
John WHITEHEAD
John HARDEE
William BUCK
James BUCK
Arthur FORBES
William MOYE
Robert WILLIAMS
Samuel WARREN
Charles GERRARD
Sterling DUPREE
William VINES
Henry ELLIS
Jesse MOYE
Thos. RINGGOLD
Geo. SUGG
Cornelius TISON
John VINES
Jordan SHEPHERD
Lewis SMITH
Samuel DUDLEY
Saml SIMPSON
Geo. WOLFENDEN
Arthur DEW (?)
J HOLLAND
Joel TISON
Holland JOHNSON
Thomas TISON
John WOLFENDEN
Wm ANDREWS
Michael C EVANS
Jeremiah DIXON
Stephen EWELL
David COBB
Amos ATKINSON
Hardy MAY
Edward COBB
Allen ATKINSON
Allen MAY
Jacob MAY
Hardy KEAL
Robt. DANIEL
Dad. PERKINS Sheff
Lazarous PEARSCE
Benjamin MAY"

Wills & Testaments: Book 1

Pitt County Court House
Greenville, North Carolina

Abstracted and contributed by Elizabeth Ross.
Continued from previous issue, May 2001.

Part 3

65. Chapman, Jesse.

Pitt. Sept. 3, 1861. Aug. Term 1862. Wife: Polly Chapman, negroes Simon and Elen. Mother Eliza Okely [Oakley], "land that my Grand Father, James Adams, give to me . . . after her death I give the same land to my Brother Freeman Okely". Sister Lovey Laughinghouse, land adj. Thomas Adams, John Adams and other. Exec.: Polly Chapman, wife. Wits.: Lewis H. Smith, Jesse F. Chapman. (Probate notes that Jesse F. Chapman, a subscribing witness "now in the State of Virginia") —Wb. 1, p. 79.

66. Moore, Arden.

Pitt. May 21, 1861. Probate not dated. Wife: unnamed. Sons: John A. Moore, Joshua L. Moore, Bithel S. Moore. "All my children except Joshua L. Moore, John A. Moore and Bithel S. Moore and two of these heirs lives out of the State . . .". Son Bithel S. Moore, negro girl Betty and her increase. Mentioned: negro woman Minta recently sold; Linch's Creek; neighbors Reddick Carney and Henry Barnhill. Exec.: son Bithel S. Moore. Wits.: none. (Probate note: handwriting attested by Wm. L. Mooring, Reddick Carney, James S. Moore, and James L. Moore.) —Wb. 1, p. 80.

67. Laughinghouse, Joseph H..

Pitt. July 9, 1855. May Term 1863. Wife: Mary Ann Laughinghouse. Son: Wyatt L. Laughinghouse, land of his grandfather Edward Laughinghouse in Beaufort County "on which James B. Dunn and John Bates now lives"; also books belonging to Uncle James E. Langley; also negro boys Andrew and George. "All our children" unnamed. Exec.: wife Mary Ann. Wits.: none. (Probate notes: handwriting attested by Jackey Ann Ernell, Fenner B. Satterthwaite, Wm. J. Laughinghouse and James Galloway. Letters of administration granted to Tilman R. Cherry and Wyatt Laughinghouse; bond $160,000, sureties Churchill Perkins, Willy B. Brown and William Whitehead.) —Wb. 1, p. 81.

68. Clark, James S.

Pitt. Jan. __, 1860. No probate. Trustee: friend C. C. Perkins for sons William E. Clark and James Edgar Clark, land and negroes Oliver and his wife Nancy and Oliver and Stanley their children, Sam, Ben, old Kit and his wife Aramet, Stephen son of old Kit, Adeline and her present child, also negro Priscy. C. C. Perkins, trustee for dau. Adelaide wife of G. W. Johnson (lands in Pitt Co.), for dau. Elvira (lands in Sumpter Co., GA), for daus. Victoria Jones and Della wife of Wm. S. [later A.] Jenkins (lands in Macon Co., GA). Grandchild Helen Jones, negro girl Lea. Grandchild Mary Jenkins, negro girl Sydney. Appoint friends Henry Sheppard, Louis G. Little, Burton G. Albritton, John S. Smith, and William Whitehead to make a division of other negroes and property. "It is my wish and will that negroes Oliver Senr and Prissy be permitted to live on Lot Eighty one without being hired out. That they may attend and serve my two sons when not at school." Mentions also land in South Carolina. Execs.: son-in-law Wm. A. Jenkins and friend C. C. Perkins. Wits.: Jos. Jno. Dancy, Charles Rountree. —Wb. 1, p. 83.

69. Moye, Alfred.

Pitt. Apr. 27, 1859. Probate not dated. Sons: William Joel Moye, negro woman Aggey. Son: Moses T. Moye, negro boy Jonas. Son: Elbert A. Moye, negroes Ned, John and Hollan. Dau.: Ann Priscilla Lang, wife of William G. Lang, negroes Daniel, Dinah and George. Granddau.: Sarah Elizabeth Lang, child of Ann

Priscilla, negro girl Harriet, in trust to her mother until age 21. Dau.: Eliza Frances Edwards, wife of Henry Clay Edwards, negroes Hamlet, Silvey, Mary, Cherry and her child Allen, woman Cherry and child. My rights to the slaves left by the will of my Sister Claudisha S. Nettle to James W. Moye, Moses T. and Elbert A. Moye, to go to my Grandson Abram J. Moye, son of James W. Moye, dec'd., said negroes Jane and her children, girl Laurena and boy Henry, but negro boy March, child of Ellen, to be returned to my estate. Grandson: James Alfred Lang, son of Ann P. & Wm. G. Lang. Execs.: sons William J. Moye, Moses T. Moye, and Elbert A. Moye. Wits.: none. (Probate notes: handwriting attested by Wm. G. Lang, B. G. Albritton, Wm. Flanekin, and L. P. Beardsley.) —Wb. 1, p. 85.

70. PARKER, John J.

Pitt. July 14, 1862. Probate not dated. Dau. Banco [?] Parker. Son: William Oscar Parker. Wife: unnamed. "All my children" unnamed. Mentioned: my legacy as one of the heirs of Precila Moore. Exec.: father James Parker. Wits.: L. P. Beardsley, James Parker. (Probate notes: James Parker renounced right to execute, and Benjamin Belcher was appointed administrator, bond $1,000 with sureties James Parker and Henry Joyner.) —Wb. 1, p. 87.

71. NELSON, Caleb.

Pitt. Feb. 6, 1859. Aug. Term 1862. Wife: Elizabeth Nelson. Son: Josiah Nelson's heirs devised 1/7th part of negroes devised to my wife by her father John Laughinhouse and then to her children. Dau.: Susannah Spain's children. Dau. Serenah Hardee. Son: James G. Nelson. All my children: Josiah Nelson, Emily Herrin, Talith Smith, Susanna Spain, Serena Hardee, James G. Nelson. Devisees: Henry Nelson's children to get 1/7th part. Mentioned: negroes Win and Haret, recently sold. Execs.: wife Elizabeth Nelson and son James G. Nelson. Wits.: Lewis J. Edwards, Wm. W. Tucker. (Probate notes: wife qualified, $9,000 bond with sureties Wm. J. Laughinghouse and F. B. Satterthwaite. Lewis J. Edwards, one of the subscribing witnesses, now deceased.) —Wb. 1, p. 88.

72. JENKINS, Roberson.

Pitt. July 23, 1858. Aug. Term 1863. Son: James H. Jenkins. Dau.: Martilda Rollins. My legal heirs: John H. Jenkins, John Jenkins' heirs, William Ebb Jenkins, James H. Jenkins, Martilda Rollins, and Daniel R. Hopkins, each 1 share. Mentioned: negroes, unnamed. Exec.: son James H. Jenkins. Wits.: William Thigpen, Ollen Cobb. (Probate notes: son qualified, bond $65,000, with W. H. Jenkins, J. H. Jenkins, Jas. L. Langley, Henry Stancill, and Reuben C. Rollins as sureties.) —Wb. 1, p. 89.

73. VINES, Samuel. [index says Samuel, Senr.]

Pitt. May 15, 1859. Probate not dated. Dau.: Allie King. "All my children and the family of those that have lost there mothers or fathers (Say my grand children in families)" all to share equally. Execs.: John King and Thomas King. Wits.: none. (Probate notes: Walter Newton found the will and Jno. Peebles, Wm. Peeden and James Murray, attested to handwriting. John King qualified, $75,000 bond, sureties Walter Newton, Wm. King and Jno. Peebles.) —Wb. 1, p. 91.

74. STANCILL, Jesse R.

Pitt. Apr. 25, 1863. Aug. Term 1863. Mother: Rachel Stancil, negroes from estate of my brother Robert H. Stancill, dec'd. Sister: Mary D. Stancill, and if she dies without heirs, land to go "to the heirs of my Grandfather Godfrey Stancill", also negroes Peter, Rose, Elizus [?], and Olliver. Exec.: uncle Wilie Stancill. Wits.; Richard E. Rives, H. G. Parker. (Probate note: Willey Stancill qualified, $20,000 bond, Henry Stancill and Theop. Stancill, sureties.) —Wb. 1, p. 91.

75. POLLARD, William Lawrence.

Pitt. Mar. 15, 1862. Nov. Term 1863. Wife: Elizabeth Jane Pollard (has no children). Bro.: James A. Pollard. Exec.: none. Wits.: W. M. B. Brown, W. S. Bullock. (Probate note: brought to court by father Benjamin Pollard and attested to by the two subscribing witnesses.) —Wb. 1, p. 92.

76. TUGWELL, Robert.

Pitt. May 15, 1862. Probate not dated. Wife: Delpha Tugwell. Dau.: Caroline Tugwell. Exec.: friend Allen Bynum. Wits.: L. P. Beardsley, Allen Bynum. (Probate notes: Bond $4,000, with sureties John Himes and Elias J. Blount). —Wb. 1, p. 93.

77. MAY, John.

Pitt. Jan. 9, 1862. Aug. Term 1863. Bro.: Alfred May. Sister: Sarah Jane May, negro boy Abram. Sister: Emily E. May. Exec.: none. Wits.: Sherrod Belcher, Jas. Joyner. —Wb. 1, p. 94.

78. BLAND, Joseph J.

Pitt. Oct. 6, 1863. Probate not dated. Nephews: Octavous Edwards and Edward S. Edwards. Bro.: W. A. Bland's children. Sister: Martha, wife of W. S. [or L.?] Braswell, her children. Sister: Catherine, wife of Peter E. Braswell, and her children. Sister: Susan, negro woman Agg. Sister: Eley, negro boy Killis. Bro.: Christopher C. Bland. Execs.: none. Wits.: none. (Probate notes: Barnes Bland found the will and with Thos. Cox, Moses Ringgold and Caleb Cannon, attested to handwriting. Barnes Bland appointed administrator, $25,000 bond, with Thomas Cox and Saml. Smith, sureties.) —Wb. 1, p. 95.

79. COBB, William.

Pitt. June 28, 1863. Probate not dated. Wife: Elizabeth Cobb, her choice of negroes Allen or Peter, and of Mary or Judia. Remainder divided among "all my children as they arrive at age 21." Guardian of my children: brother Reuben Cobb. Execs.: father Ollen Cobb and brother James A. Cobb. Wits.: none. (Probate notes: Said Ollen Cobb found the will, and with Theophilus J. Stancill and Reuben Cobb, attested handwriting. Ollen Cobb qualified, $50,000 bond, with Peter E. Rives and Howell Thomas sureties.) —Wb. 1, 1p. 96.

80. DRYSDALE, Robert H.

Pitt. May 12, 1861. Aug. Term 1862. Beloved friend: James Joyner of Marlboro, Pitt Co., all "scientific aparatus and chemical labrotary", also library. At death of said James Joyner, to Robert Joyner son of Noah Joyner of Marlboro. Mother: Ann Hunter wife of James Huneter of town of Lerwick, Island of Geltland, Shetland Islands, Scotland, Great Britain. Exec.: Robert Joyner. Wits.: none. (Probate notes: W. D. Jones, Dr. N. Joyner, Moses Joyner attested to handwriting. James Joyner qualified, bond $2,000, with Moses Joyner and W. D. Jones sureties.) —Wb. 1, p. 97.

81. FRIZZLE, William R.

Pitt. Aug. 28, 1861. Probate not dated. Trustee Charles Rogers for my brother Warren F. Frizzle, and if said bro. dies without heirs, to my brothers and sisters: Zilpha R. Brown, Elizabeth R. Carman, Frances A. Rogers, Jonathan R. Frizzle, Aleinda A. Murphrey and Sarah A. Coward. Exec.: Charles Rogers. Wits.: Caleb Cannon, Jessee Hart. (Probate notes: Charles Rogers renounced executorship, and Edward Carman, Esq., was appointed administrator with Charles Rogers, Edward R. Coward and Jessee Hart as sureties for a bond of $40,000.) —Wb. 1, p. 98.

82. NOTE: Pages 99 and 100 are marked "Error" and contain duplicates of 3 wills already registered.

83. CHERRY, Elizabeth.

Pitt. May 10, 1858. Feb. Term 1862. Sons: William L. Cherry, negro Sam (age about 30), Tillman R. Cherry, Macon G. Cherry. Daus.: Martha J. Cherry, Emily E. Clark, Mary Ann Laughinghouse, and Jackey Ann Ernul. Son Wm. L. Cherry to be trustee for dau. Jackey Ann Ernul. Exec.: son William L. Cherry. Wits.: S. F. Johnston, W. M. Brown. —Wb. 1, p. 101.

84. RANDOLPH, Louisa.

Pitt. Dec. 2, 1857. Probate not dated. Sisters: Arsena Randolph, Mary Randolph. Brothers: Robert Randolph, John Randolph. Lawfuls heirs of deceased brother Matthew F. Randolph, and of deceased

brother Jessee Randolph. ". . . it being my will and desire that my negroes should not be scattered . . . that my faithful negro woman Catharine may not in division be separated from her two youngest children." Exec.: friend Dr. Richard Williams. Wits.: John Peebles, Caroline Peebles, Micajah Teel. (Probate note: Williams qualified, bond $60,000 with John Randolph and F. B. Satterthwaite, sureties.) —Wb. 1, p. 103.

85. HOPKINS, William.

Pitt. Sept. 30, 1862. May Term 1865?. Wife: Barshauby Hopkins, land and negroes Arden, Nancy, Gray and Aniskey. Nephew: Henry A. Barnhill of Martin Co., NC. Niece Milley Barnhill and the children of Sedia R. Powels. Execs.: friends Jesse Stancill and J. M. Jenkins. Wits.: James Bryan, Jas. R. Ward. (Probate notes: $20,000 bond, with L. P. Beardsley and Eason James, sureties.) —Wb. 1, p. 104.

86. PARKER, Jessee S.

Pitt. July 14, 1862. Nov. Term 1863. Wife: Sarah Ann. Four children: Mary Elizabeth, Nancy Catherin, Watt and the baby not named. Exec.; friend James Parker. Wits.: James Parker, Sherrod Tison. —Wb. 1, p. 105.

87. GRAHAM, Eliza A., of Lenoir County, NC.

Pitt. June 20, 1846. Nov. Term 1861. Sister: Sarah C. Chamberlain, and after her death to her children. Exec.: none. Wits.: Charles Greene, W. S. Bonner. (Probate notes: both subscribing witnesses—Greene and Bonner, are now dead; handwriting attested by L. P. Beardsley, C. Perkins and A. G. Jordan.) —Wb. 1, p. 106.

88. EVANS, Richard.

Pitt. July 19, 1860. Feb. Session 1862. Sisters: Cornelia, Nancy and Elizabeth, all land until their marriage or death, then to brothers and sisters (unnamed). Exec.: none. Wits.: Noah Forbes, J. R. Forbes. (Probate note: J. R. Forbes, one of the subscribing witnesses, "is in the State of Massachusetts".) —Wb. 1, p. 107.

89. HOYT, Goold.

Pitt. Sept. 10, 1850. Codicil June 29, 1854. Probate not dated. Wife: Martha Ann Hoyt. Children: Sally N. Marshall, Mary Eliza Dancy. Granddau.: Martha Ann Sherrod. Execs.: brother James E. Hoyt, and E. C. Yellowley. Wits.: S. F. Johnston, Thos. A. Braswell. Codicil: "I have purchased all of A. W. Marshalls interest in Joseph John Norcotts Estate which interest I now lend to my Daughter Sally N. Marshall . . . without control of her husband." (Probate notes: James E. Hoyt and E. C. Yellowley renounced, and Mrs. Hoyt, widow, assigned her right to administer to J. J. Dancy, who qualified. $12,000 bond, with James S. Clark and W. A. Cherry sureties.) —Wb. 1, p. 107.

90. NEWTON, John.

Pitt. Dec. 11, 1858. Probate not dated. Devisees: the children of Sarah Williams of Tennessee; the children of Absaly Johnston of Tennessee; children of Delphia Peoples. Son: Walter Newton, negroes Alfred, Hardee, Nathan, Abraham, Mariah and her increase and her "child now borned", Grase, Phelly, Sarah, Amanda, and old man Peter. Said Walter Newton to act as trustee of negro girl Hariet now in possession of Lydia Falkner of Tennesse, and at her death to said Lydia's children by her former husband Frederick Beasly. Devisees: Heirs of John Newton. Grandson: William Newton, son of John, negro Warren. Grandson: James Dupree (under 21 yrs. of age). Devisees: children of Lydia Beasly (now Lydia Falkner), Absaly Johnston, Sarah Williams, Delphia Peoples, John Newton and his wife Latitia, and Walter Newton. ". . .the said Latitia to be considered in the class of John Newton, dec'd." Exec.: son Walter Newton. Wits.: George W. Wooten, B. F. Wooten. (Probate note: Walter Newton qualified, $40,000 bond, with G. W. Wooten and Benj. F. Wooten sureties.) —Wb. 1, p. 109.

91. BLOUNT, Esther J.

Pitt. Jan. 5, 1859. May Term 1864. Sons: Elias J. Blount, Richard H. Blount, Jacob C. Blount, William C. Blount. Daus.-in-law: Mary E. Blount wife of son William C. Blount, and Winniford Blount widow of Allen Blount, dec'd. Grandchildren: Martha B. Speight and Seth Speight, both under age 21 and children of Edward G. Speight; Esther Ann Blount dau. of Richard H. Blount; Josephine Blount and Lavinia Blount (parent not stated); Jemima Blount dau. of Wm. C. Blount; Allen Blount and Elias Blount (both under age

21) sons of Allen Blount, dec'd.; Allen Blount (under age 21) son of Jacob C. Blount. Mentioned: negroes unnamed. Balance of estate to Elias J. Blount (1 share), Richard H. Blount (1 share), Jacob C. Blount (1 share), Wm. C. Blount (1 share), Elias and Allen Blount sons of Allen Blount, dec'd. (1 share), Seth and Martha B. Speight children of Edwin G. Speight. Execs.: sons Elias J., Richard H. and Wm. C. Blount. Wits.: J. M. Hines, H. E. Joyner. (Probate notes: H. E. Joyner, witness, is dead, his handwriting attested by Moses Joyner and Moses T. Moye. Executors qualified with $40,000 bond and Caleb Cannon, Edward Patrick and Peter E. Hines as sureties.) —Wb. 1, p. 110.

92. TEEL, Joseph.

Pitt. Jan. 16, 1862. No probate indicated on NC Archives copy. Wife: Polly Teel. Dau. Emily Elizar Teel. Sister Harriette Williams to take dau. Emily Elizar "and keep her as long as she may live." Exec.: friend Peter Rives. Wits.: _____ [torn] Teel, James Teel. —Wb. 1, p. 113.

93. BRADDY, Joseph.

Pitt. May 7, 1862. No probate indicated on NC Archives copy. Wife: Lydia Braddy. Son Benjamin F. Braddy. Exec.: friend Peter Rives. Wits.: William B. Fleming, Elkanah Teel. —Wb. 1, p. 113.

94. FLEMING, William B.

Pitt. May 10, 1862. Probate not dated [d. 1864 in Civil War]. Wife: Cansada Fleming; at her death or widowhood, divide among my seven brothers and sisters (unnamed). Mother (unnamed). Half-sister: Helnehah Fleming. Exec.: none given. Wits.: Peter Rives, Elkanah Teel, Moses M. Teel, W. L. Dudley, Osmyer (his mark) Fleming. (Probate notes: widow Canzada appointed administratrix.) —Wb. 1, p. 114.

95. FLEMING, James L.

Pitt. May 6, 1862. Probate not dated [d. 1863 in Civil War]. Wife: Sarah C. Fleming. "My children" (unnamed). Exec.: wife Sarah C. Fleming. Wits.: W. K. Delaney, W. J. Blow. (Probate notes: widow qualified, $16,000 bond with John L. Fleming and Peter Fleming, sureties.) —Wb. 1, p. 114.

96. MAY, Robert S.

Pitt. July 4, 1863. Feb. Term 1868. Mother: Eliza T. May, negroes Virgil and Bede, and land on Little Contentnea adj. Mrs. Mary Ann May and Emily E. May. Brothers and sisters: Alfred May, Sarah Jane May, Louisa T. May, Emily E. May. Exec.: none given. Wits.: Jas. Joyner, James L. Tugwell. (Probate notes: James W. May appointed administrator; $10,000 bond with Jas Joyner and Richard A. Bynum, sureties.) —Wb. 1, p. 115.

(To be continued in the next issue.)

PETITION OF EADY DAVIS FOR PROTECTION FROM HUSBAND

NC General Assembly Session Records, Nov.-Dec. 1810, Box 2, Joint Committee Reports.

"To the Honorable The General Assembly of the State of North Carolina
The Petition of Eady DAVIS of Pitt County humbly represent that about twenty years ago she intermarried with a certain Lewis DAVIS with whom she lived many years, and by whom she had three Children; and calculated upon enjoying that felicity which is the desire of all who enter into that State— but in this pleasant expectation she was entirely disappointed. Your petitioner further States that her said Husband Lewis DAVIS, left your petitioner in a state of indigence and want, with her Children to raise by the fruits of her own industry— that he has taken another woman, and no hope remain of his ever Contributing in the least degree to the support of herself or Children— but to the Contrary is in constant dread that he will return to take from her that property which she herself may Acquire by her industry therefore prays your honorable body to pass a Law to secure to her such property as she may hereafter Acquire and she as in duty bound will ever pray &c P Eady DAVIS" **[Granted]**

Bible Records

Urvin H. Buck Bible

Found in *Mississippi Cemetery and Bible Records*, Vol. 7, Sept. 1960, Mississippi Genealogical Society. The bible was published in 1815 by Mathew Carey, No. 121 Chestnut Street, Philadelphia. The bible was formerly owned by Mrs. Della Maud Buck Donaldson, first child born to Urvin Hunter Buck and his second wife Bettie Wooster Boyette, and at her death on May 30, 1952, it passed to Mr. and Mrs. Frank Donaldson, of Coffeyville, Kansas. The bible was submitted to the Cemetery and Bible Book by Cornelia Buck Crowe (Mrs. Stanley Blair) and Alma Moses Dybowski (Mrs. George Dybowski), both descendants of Urvin H. Buck. Mrs. Dybowski corresponded with Elizabeth Moore of New Bern, NC and Tabitha DeVisconti of Farmville, NC in the 1960's and shared this bible record with them. Correspondence on this family is found in the Elizabeth Moore Papers and the Tabitha DeVisconti Papers, East Carolina Manuscript Collection, J. Y. Joyner Library, East Carolina University, Greenville, NC.

Marriages
John Newman and Anne Grimes was married the 19 of October 1780.
Urvin H. Buck and Frances R. May were married Dec. 5, 1822.
Harriet E. Buck and Washington R. Perkins were married on the 15 of Sept. 1842.
U. H. Buck and Bettie Boyette were married 11, 1863, of July.
John R. Newsome and Bettie Buck was married the 9 (?) of February, 1872.
Willie Boyette and W. P. West were married on the 16 of October 1879.
Mary Urvinah Buck and G. D. McCaleb were married Feb. 7, 1883.
Della Maud, daughter of U. H. and Bettie Buck, was married to Robert A. Donelson, Apr. 14, 1889.
James Buck was married to Miss Penelope Newman about the year 1776.
Medora Penelope Buck was married to Lee A. Montgomery Dec. 24, 1894.

Births
John C. Newman, son of John Newman and Anne was born January 20, day 1758.
Anne Grimes, daughter of Dempsey and Penelope Grimes, born the 17 day of Oct. 1761.
Urvin H. Buck, son of James Buck was born 3rd of April 1799.
Frances R. May, daughter of James and Harriet May was born June 16, 1807
Harriot C. E. S. Buck, daughter of Urvin H. Buck and Frances R. Buck was born the 5 of Oct. 1823.
John Newman Buck, son of Urvin H. Buck and Frances R. Buck, was born 17 March 1825.
James Thaddeus Buck, son of Urvin H. Buck and Frances R. Buck, was born Aug. 16, 1827.
Wm. Humphrey, son of Urvin H. Buck and Frances R. Buck, was born Aug. 19, 1829.
Robert Wilie, son of Urvin H. Buck and Frances R. Buck, was born July 22, 1831.
Henry Urvin, son of Urvin H. Buck and Frances R. Buck, was born the 3rd of Feb. 1834.
Camillus Adolphus, son of Urvin and Frances Buck was born June 5, 1836.
Edwin Hunter, son of Urvin H. Buck and Frances, his wife, was born July 8, 1838.
Bettie Wooster, dau. of James Wooster and Mary, his wife, was born 8 of Mar. 1844.
Mary Urvanah, daughter of U. H. Buck and Bettie, his wife, was born June 23, 1866.
Willie H. Boyette, daughter of William H. Boyette and Bettie, his wife, was born Oct. 23, 1862.
Delah Maud, daughter of U. H. Buck and Bettie, his wife was born Aug. 3, 1868.
Penelope, daughter of U. H. Buck and Bettie, his wife, was born April 6, 1870.

Deaths
Frances R. Buck, wife of U. H. Buck, departed this life Apr. 4, 1863.
U. H. Buck departed this life Nov. 10, 1870.
W. H. Boyette departed this life July 11, 1862.
Mary R. Byrd departed this life Sept. 13, 1877.
Alfred Lamah Newsome departed this life May 7, 1883.
James Thaddeus Buck, Sr. departed this life July 12, 1886.

Anne Newman departed this life 31 of March 1813.
John C. Newman departed this life March 13, 1824.
Penelope Blount departed this life 27 October 1823.
Ann Buck departed this life 8 of October 1823.
William Humphrey Buck departed this life 5 of Sept. 1831.
Camillus Adolphus Buck departed this life 10 of August 1838.
Dewitt Clinton Buck, son of U. H. Buck and Frances, his wife, departed this life Aug. 6, 1862.
Mrs. Bettie Newsome died Dec. 4, 1895.
Harry E. Newsome departed this life Apr 10, 1928.
Robt. A. Donaldson departed this life Apr. 11, 1934.
Mrs. Urvinah Buck McCaleb departed this life March 11, 1950.

Gwaltney Bible Record

Taken from a photocopy of the original record located in the NC Archives Bible Collection. No frontpiece given. Contributed by Roger Kammerer.

Marriages
A J Gwaltney and M E Gwaltney was married 6th August 1884

Births
Alphes McCullen son of A J and M E Gwaltney was born 19th Oct 1885
Java Lee son of the same was born Novem- 13th 1887
Bertie Obena daughter of the same was born Oct 4 1889
Daisy May daughter of the same was born Feb 23rd 1891
Maggie Nena daughter of the same was born March 30th 1893
Riley Wetherington the son of William Wetherington and Elizabeth his Wife was bornd december the 27 1827
Mary A W Taylor the daughter of James Taylor and Sarah Taylor his Wife was bornd January the 4 1832
Edwerd E Wetherington the sun of Riley Wetherington and Mary A his wife was bornd december the 3 1857
Julier. tull. Wetherington the daughter of Riley Wetherington and Mary an his Wife was bornd January the 4 1860
Sarah Ann Wetherington the dauther of Mary Wetherington was bornd december the 14 1867
George Taylor son of James Taylor and sary his wife was born June 17, 1842

Loyd Bible Records

The following bible records appeared in the DAR Magazine, July 1916, with the following information: "Mrs. Whitley sends copies of entries found in an old bible, with the hope that they may be of interest and benefit to some one, although she herself does not know to whom they refer. They are found in a Bible belonging to members of the Whitley family in Beaufort Co., N. C." Contributed by Roger Kammerer.

Martha Loyd was born Jan. 20, 1768
Rhoda Loyd was born Dec. 17, 1770
Kenne Loyd was born May 22, 1772
John Loyd son of John Loyd and Susanna his wife was born Feb. 16, 1774
_____ Loyd was born Dec. 1775
Henry Loyd, son of John and Susanna, was born Feb. 19, 1778
William Loyd was born April 2, 1780
John Loyd, his book
John Loyd was Born Feb. 5, 1793

William Moore Bible

The Holy Bible Containing the Old and New Testaments, published by Waugh and T. Mason for the Methodist Episcopal Church at the Conference Office, 200 Mulberry St. NY 1834. On the front page it says: "William Moore's Book. Elvira Moore Brown, Greenville, NC. My grandfather's Bible." The bible is owned by Lawrence Watts, of Greenville, NC, who contributed it to the quarterly. Transcribed by Eleanor Allen.

William Moore, son of William Moore and Annis his wife was bornd in the year of our Lord 1811 November the 11th Died when 76. Would have been 114 years old 1926. My father 22 when he married.
Arsenah Powell his wife and daughter of James Powell and Kiddy his wife was bornd in the year of our Lord 1813 November the 21st. My mother married at 20.
William Moore and Arsenah Powell was joined in sacred wedlock 7th of January 1833.
William Moore and Martha Ann Carroll was joined in sacred wedlock on the 12th day of January 1871—Grandfather's second wife.
William Moore and Annis Llewellyn > great grandfather & great grandmother on Moore side.
James Powell and Kiddy or Catherine Jinkins > great grandfather & great grandmother on Powell side.
George Richard Marcellus Moore son of William and Arsenah his wife was bornd November 15th 1835.
James Powell William Moore son of Dit & Dit was bornd May 6th 1845. Father of Elvira S. Brown.
Celestia Elizabeth Alvania Moore daughter of Ditto & Ditto was born July 2nd 1856. Aunt Allie.

Aunt Allie's husbands:
George Anderson Higgs was bornd 28 March 1834.

James C Perkins was bornd 3rd January 1833.

James Powell William Moore & Adrianna James Powell William Moore & Adrianna Ernul were married February 12, 1863 in Greenville, NC
George Richard Marcellus Moore & Sarah Emily Higgs were married in Halifax County 1865.
Allie C. Moore was joined in sacred wedlock July 28, 1876 to George Anderson Higgs.
Allie C. Higgs was joined in sacred wedlock September 9, 1893 to James C. Perkins.

Refie Powell
Pharbe Powell
Arsenah Powell married William Moore my grandfather
Sallie Powell
Patsy Powell married _____ Hooker
Richard Powell
Roderick Powell
Charles Powell
Menan Powell
Grandfather James Powell
Grandmother Catherine "called Kiddy" Jinkins
William Moore great grandfather
Annis Lewellyn great grandmother

Birth of a son 11th September 1841 and died September 19th 1841

Children of Marcellus:
Bruce, Mary January 5, 1868
Helen, Stewart October 13, 1871
William, Wallace March 26, 1874

Children of Jas. Powell Moore:
Elvira Serena March 26, 1864
Mary Arsenah August 28, 1866

Bruce married J. D. Murphy
Helen married J. W. Perkins
William never married

Elvira married James Brown 1887
Mary married Wiley Brown 1889

Arsenah Moore, grandmother, consort to William Moore departed this life March 22nd 1857. Aged 43 years 4 months and 1 day.
William Moore, grandfather, departed this life July 17th 1886, 1:20 o'clock A. M. 75 years
George Richard Marcellus Moore died Jun 27 1888. 58 years. Uncle Lillis
George Anderson Higgs died 1878 January 5, age 43 years, 9 months 8 days. Uncle by marriage.
Emma Moore departed this life 24 of December 1880. Aunt by marriage.
Alvania Moore Higgs Perkins died 1903. Only aunt
Adrianna Ernul Moore died September 20, 1899. My mother. E.S.B.

Mrs. Malvina Mills Dead
New Bern Daily Journal, Oct 8, 1891
"Died on the 5th Inst. in Washington, N. C. of a long illness, Mrs. Malvina Mills."

Wyatt Gardner Dead
New Bern Daily Journal, Oct. 26, 1890
"Maple Cypress Items . . . Wyatt GARDNER of Swift Creek died on Oct. 7."

Deaths in Greene County
New Bern Daily Journal, Oct 25, 1889
"Died since last week in Greene County, John MURPHEY, a big businessman in Snow Hill; Henry HAM and Matthew CARR, old residents and Mrs. Abner ROUSE, of a lingering disease."

Mrs. Elizabeth Pearce Dead
New Bern Daily Journal, Oct 1, 1889
"Died on Sept. 23, at Goldsboro, N. C., Mrs. Elizabeth PEARCE, 77, for many years a resident of New Bern."

Mrs. Sarah Laughinghouse Dead
New Bern Daily Journal, March 29, 1888
"Died in Kinston, N. C., March 25; Mrs. Sarah LAUGHINGHOUSE, wife of Samuel LAUGHINGHOUSE."

Mrs. Susan Frizzell Dead
New Bern Daily Journal, Dec. 22, 1887
"Died near Rountrees Church several days ago, Mrs. Susan FRIZZELL, consort of John FRIZZELL."

Mrs. Ellen C. Kilpatrick Dead
New Bern Daily Journal, Dec. 1, 1886
"Died in Kinston, N. C., Nov. 26, age 33, Ellen C. KILPATRICK, wife of B. C. KILPATRICK and daughter of Dr. S. B. WOOD. She was a member of the Methodist Episcopal Church."

Thomas Lacy Dead
New Bern Daily Journal, June 28, 1901
"Died Monday morning, Thomas LACEY, at his home a few miles from Greenville at quite an old age. He came to Greenville often, always prefering to walk than to ride."

Queries

I am trying to establish the relationship, if any, of the following TYSONS who were War of 1812 veterans from North Carolina to the TYSONs of Pitt County: (1) Amos TYSON of Columbus Co., who served in the 7th Co., 4th Regiment; (2) Stephen TYSON of Greene Co., who served in the 2nd Regiment; (3) Thomas TYSON of Anson Co., who served in the 9th Co., 4th Regiment and possibly moved to Arkansas.
—Tyson ASHLOCK; 609 Encino PL. NE #503, Albuquerque, NM 87102-2615

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I am searching for the ancestry and descendants of Nicie DAIL who married James BARFIELD. Nicie was possibly born in the 1820's and was a sister of Elbert DAIL, Sr. She is supposed to have come from Charleston, SC with Elbert DAIL. I have her listed as Jefferson "Nicie" DAIL.
—Linda Dail RIDER; 4500 Slocum Trail, Atkinson, NC 28421 (910-283-3654)
E-mail: sandwich1@hotmail.com

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According to the Index to Pitt Co. Deed Book A, Arnold HOPKINS of Bertie Co., NC bought land from Honour BAKER in 1761. Arnold HOPKINS is found in the 1762 Pitt Co. Tax list as having three white taxable polls and no slaves. I believe this is himself and two sons: William and Lewis HOPKINS. I would like to find out where Arnold HOPKIN'S land is located and prove the relationship of the three white poles in his household in 1762.
—Martha Gay MORTON; 3761 Blue Ridge Rd., West Palm Beach, FL. 33406-4148 (561-967-2327)
E-mail: sanmudil@bellsouth.net

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I would be grateful for any information on the family of Abram BARBER (b. ca. 1814, d. ca. 1867 in Craven Co., NC) and Elizabeth "Patsy" Ann SUTTON (b. ca. 1827).
—Janice Tripp GURGANUS; 211 Gloria Street, Greenville, NC 27858-8627 (252-355-6974)
E-mail: janicegurganus@sprintmail.com

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I am looking for information on George CLEMMONS/CLEMONS/CLEMENTS and wife Annie. Annie is found in the Lenoir Co., NC 1880 Census as Annie CLEMENTS, age 40. I know nothing about these people.
—Linda Dunn MELVIN; 1100Ward Blvd., Wilson, NC 27893 (252-237-7100)
E-mail: LdMel1@aol.com

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I am looking for a copy of the family Bible Record and children of Henry SMITH (b. 1755 Beaufort Co., d. 1846 Pitt Co.) married in 1777 to Sally ADAMS (b. 1758 Beaufort Co., d. 1845 Pitt Co.) Thanks.
—Dorothy Smith DUFF; 2806 Majestic Dr., Ooltewah, TN 37363-8937
E-mail: Dsdnew@aol.com

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I am searching for the name of the first wife of David SUTTON of Pitt County. I am also seeking the surname of his second wife Lydia, (who was from Martin Co.).
—Ree STOMER; 4806 Southwind Dr., Kingsport, TN 37664-5023 (423-323-7543)
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